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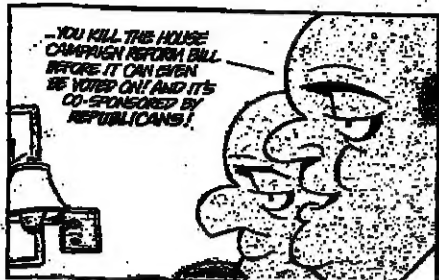
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Row erupts over 'Jubilee Bells'

By LIAT COLLINS,
HELEN KAYE, and SARAH HOMO

Celebrations of the jubilee were marred by an eruption of religious-secular acrimony over the decision by the Batsheva Dance Company not to perform Thursday night on the grounds that religious coercion was restricting its artistic freedom of expression.

The company, directed by Ohad Naharin, won a round of applause for not performing at the Jubilee Bells event, citing religious coercion. Naharin also reportedly resigned from the company, but was subsequently said to have retracted his resignation.

The episode was decried by the Left as the embodiment of the breakdown of democracy, while the Right decried the Left's attitude as a cynical attempt to make political capital out of a production blunder.

Behind the scenes, negotiations between Naharin, Doron Shmueli, head of the Jubilee Association, President Ezer Weizman and others failed to yield a compromise.

The controversy surrounded the excerpt from the company's internationally acclaimed *Anapshah* in which the dancers gradually take off most of their clothing to the words and tune of the song from the Haggada: "Who Knows One?"

Although the piece is not new and had passed through the committee's approval procedure, questions were raised after religious members of the audience at the dress rehearsal objected. The objections were officially raised by Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Haim Miller (United Torah Judaism), based on complaints he received.

Among the proposed compromises were that the group would wear long underwear instead of briefs.

Meanwhile, following a decision by Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, Batsheva Dance performed the disputed sequence at the Philharmonic in the Park concert in Tel Aviv last night, which was televised live.

Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak announced yesterday that he "views what happened with the utmost gravity."

Barak made overtures to both

sides in the dispute. He sees the incident "as the final collapse of the status quo on religious affairs and as a capitulation to religious coercion."

Yet Barak also condemned the fact that artists and actors heckled Education Minister Yitzhak Levy, calling him "a dirty Jew" at a protest at the Diaspora Museum on Friday.

The Likud issued a statement accusing Labor and the Left of seeking "to make political capital in the most cynical way possible out of an incident which was the result of a simple oversight by the producers of *Jubilee Bells*, who should not have included a controversial dance in an officially-sponsored celebration."

"This was the wrong item in the wrong place and that is all it was," the statement said.

Levy argued that "to accuse us of censorship and of curbing the basic right to free expression and artistic liberty is a gross manipulation of the truth. No one prevents anyone, including Batsheva, from putting on whatever act they wish in any auditorium they hire. 'Anyone with a taste for what they offer can purchase a ticket and enjoy himself,' Levy added. "But this is something to which the state invites guests to celebrate an event which has meaning to more than one segment of society. Not every act which can be freely staged elsewhere needs to be part of this celebration, because not all those invited share the same tastes."

Shas leader Aryeh Deri said he could not understand "what the row is all about. One would think that this particular dance segment is sacred."

"This was a pageant to which all sectors of the population were invited and it should not have included anything offensive to anyone. It was not only offensive to religious Jews."

"Besides, imagine what would have happened if the pageant included slurs against Islam or something the kibbutzim would have been slighted by. The Left would have been the first to raise a clamor for removing the offensive elements from the show," Deri said.

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PM leaves today for London talks

By JAY BUSHINSKY
and HILLEL KUTTLER

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu believes tomorrow's planned talks in London with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright can succeed in revitalizing the peace process if both sides are willing to compromise.

"The key to success in London is an approach that says not only Israel, but both sides, Israel and the Palestinians, have to find ways to address one another's needs and come out with something that both sides did not envisage when they went into the negotiations," he said.

Speaking after a two-hour session with Vice President Al Gore on Friday, the first half of which was one-on-one, Netanyahu said that "if the Palestinians go in saying, 'we won't budge - only Israel must budge,' and the result would damage Israel's security, the answer will be, 'No.'"

In Washington, Albright was described as pessimistic about how the meetings would go, based on the reports she heard from Gore and other American mediators.

There is "no reason to believe we are in a position to bridge the gaps," State Department spokesman James Rubin said, as Albright headed for London, where she is to meet separately tomorrow with Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Netanyahu is scheduled to leave for London this afternoon.

Gore put a positive spin on expectations of the London meeting, which is to be hosted by British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"We believe London offers an occasion for great progress," Gore said. "We hope and pray that progress will occur."

Neeman to unveil NIS 1b. infrastructure program

By DAVID HARRIS

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman is expected to outline to the cabinet this morning a NIS 1 billion-plus plan to create jobs by speeding up expenditure on infrastructure, according to a Treasury statement.

The plan calls for spending NIS 500 million on the project this year, and for accelerating the construction and upgrading of roads, railroads and the two major ports.

Additionally, funding is to be set aside for housing improvements in development towns and run-down inner-city areas.

The program calls for ministries to cut their budgets by 0.2 percent this year, which would add NIS

150m. to the infrastructure pot, with the remainder of the NIS 500m. coming from a variety of unspecified state resources.

Other principal elements of the program include:

- NIS 900m. being invested in roads, largely aimed at relieving traffic congestion.
- NIS 120m. going to the railways. The plan also calls for the immediate completion of the separation of the railways from the present Ports and Railways Authority. This, says the Treasury, would allow for the easier integration of the private sector into the railway business.
- NIS 350m. is to be put into housing projects, of which NIS 90m. is to be spent on the proper-

ties and the necessary infrastructure surrounding them. The remainder is to be spent on improving the road network around the development towns, to make the center of the country more accessible to them.

The program is also to include suggestions for dealing with the expected influx of tourists in 2000.

The proposals are to aim to ease bureaucratic restrictions on development, including removing water and sewage responsibilities from local authorities and creating designated companies to run these utilities; speeding up the planning process for new gas stations and increasing their number.

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Europe's leaders hail the dawn of euro

By PAUL AMES

BRUSSELS (AP) - Leaders of 11 European nations, proclaiming a new era of unity and prosperity, prepared yesterday to form an unprecedented economic union with the euro as their shared currency.

But the landmark agreement was delayed as the leaders sought to resolve a bruising dispute between Germany and France over who should head Europe's powerful new central bank. The compromise would put Dutchman Wim Duisenberg, Germany's choice, in the post.

In deference to France, however, the Dutchman will step down halfway through his eight-year term and hand the job to a Frenchman.

The launch of the euro on January 1 will create a vast economic bloc stretching from Finland's Russian border to the Atlantic shores of

Ireland to the tip of the Italian boot. Almost 300 million people will have euros in their pockets and purses after the new banknotes and coins arrive in 2002.

Euroland, as people here are already calling the new bloc, will be the world's biggest trading power, accounting for 18.6 percent of global commerce. It will represent almost a fifth of world economic output, about the same proportion as the US.

"It is an historic day because the euro is going to have a huge impact on the future of the people of Europe," said British Prime Minister Tony Blair, chairman of this week-end euro summit.

"It's going to have an impact on countries in the euro, those outside it and the rest of the world," he told BBC radio.

Germany, France and Italy, Europe's biggest economic powers,

will be at the heart of the currency union. With them will be Spain, the Netherlands, Austria, Belgium, Portugal, Ireland, Finland and Luxembourg.

Britain, Sweden and Denmark have decided to stay out, for now, to retain control of monetary policy.

Crucial to the functioning of the new currency is the European Central Bank, to be based in the heart of Germany's financial capital of Frankfurt.

The bank will control interest rates and monetary policy and is foreseen as a strong, independent body to rival the US Federal Reserve for global influence.

Gore: US wants to stop Russia aiding Iran

By STEVE RODAN

US Vice President Al Gore says the Clinton administration plans to intensify efforts to obtain agreement from the new Russian government to effectively ban missile technology transfer to Iran by May 20.

That is the date when the Senate plans to vote on a bill that would impose sanctions on Moscow.

Gore told a Jerusalem news conference on Friday that discussions with the Russian government would be held on several levels and climax at the meeting of the G-7 industrialized nations in Birmingham, England in the third week of May, only days before the Senate vote.

Several months ago, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the Iranian Missile Proliferations Sanctions Act.

"I think it's important that we have meaningful discussion with the Russians between now and May 20 when the Senate vote is next on the calendar," Gore said after meeting with Israeli ministers.

"This new Russian government may be one that we can make some progress with on important positions, including questions about technology exports."

Gore discussed Russian technology transfers to Iran with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Trade and Industry Minister Nathan Sharansky.

Israeli officials have privately expressed support for the sanctions bill, although Netanyahu has told the Clinton administration that it would continue to give Washington time to convince Moscow to put an end to the transfer of know-how for Teheran's Shihab 3 and Shihab 3 missile programs.

These missiles are to have max-

imum ranges of 1,300 and 2,000 kilometers respectively.

"This is an internal US matter and we cannot and won't tell Congress what to do," an official said.

Last week, Rep. Curt Weldon, chairman of the House Military Research and Development Subcommittee, predicted that Iran would be able to complete development and deployment of Shihab 3 within 12-18 months.

US and Israeli intelligence sources agree that despite Washington's efforts, Russian government companies continue to transfer missile and nuclear technology to Iran.

The sources say Moscow has not enforced a government directive announced in January requiring Russian companies to obtain permission to export missile and other military technology.

At his news conference, Gore did not repeat his administration's assertions in March that the Russian government has begun effective action to stop the transfer of missile technology. Instead, he pledged that the US would do everything to ensure Israel's security.

"We are in the closest possible communications with the Israeli government on this matter," Gore said.

"Anytime the survival of a friend is potentially at stake, everything else is secondary. We are determined to handle this matter in the most effective way possible and that means communicating constantly and frequently and sharing everything together about this topic."

"It's very complicated matter but we are deeply immersed in it. There is reason for hope and we intend to pursue it vigorously, especially in the next three weeks."

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Divided we stand - and move forward

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Families generally wait until the guests go home before squabbling. But visitors attending Israel's jubilee celebrations had no trouble hearing the shouting behind the kitchen door and the free-for-all in the backyard, even as the barbecue was proceeding merrily on the front lawn.

The self-examination induced by Israel's 50th birthday has brought Israel to terms with the fact that it is not just experiencing growing pains but that it is a dysfunctional family, some of whose members may forever be slamming doors on others.

It is an acknowledgement made easier by the realization that, dysfunctional or not, it remains a remarkably vibrant household.

"Divided we stand" was the way sociologist Shmuel Eisenstadt described Israeli society years ago. Thus we continue to stand, a bisected society that somehow not only remains upright but moves forward.

Whether our unabashed bickering is Jewish, Mediterranean or simply neurotic is not clear, but it has not affected the dynamism driving the country or the sense that the nation is greater than the sum

of its parts. Nor has it severed the basic ties of family, however alienated some parts are from each other.

On a bus from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv last Tuesday evening, the driver pulled over to the side of the road, where other vehicles were parking, and turned up the radio. It was broadcasting the siren inaugurating Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars.

All the passengers rose - including the haredim - and stood with bowed heads. Nothing moved on the six-lane highway, which was lined now with parked cars.

The annual Remembrance Day-Independence Day ritual remains a moving, almost religious, experience that is a keystone to Israel's collective identity, particularly the media focus on individuals whose stories are affirmations of life. The ceremonies provide critical bonding for a society riven by political, ethnic and religious-secular disputes.

The air force flypast was a contribution, too, not just in the strength it projected but in its implicit message that beyond the honking, frayed nerves and corner-cutting of daily life there is another side to Israeli reality that includes precision, long-range thought and dedication.

There was strength, too, in the upturned faces, including those of young Ethiopians and Russians, newcomers to the family, in holiday garb.

Israel at 50. A nation still in the making. And with so much unfinished business.



NEWS

in brief

Congress passes \$45m. bill for Arrow

Congress included \$45 million for the Arrow missile in an emergency supplemental spending bill it passed Thursday night. The amount is for research and development funds to help Israel procure a third battery for the Arrow.

According to an official at AIPAC, this is the first time such a bill included funds for Israel without a formal request from the administration.

During two meetings with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai last month, US Secretary of Defense William Cohen announced his support for the third Arrow battery. Hillel Kuntler

Palestinian attorney-general resigns

The Palestinian attorney-general announced his resignation Friday after a stormy 18 months in office.

"I found many difficulties working in this role," said Fayez Abu Rahme after handing his letter of resignation to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Officials close to Abu Rahme said he had been frustrated by the government's lack of cooperation and unwillingness to carry out his rulings. Abu Rahme's predecessor, Khaled Kidreh, resigned after being accused of corruption. AP

Two people killed in plane crash

Two people were killed when their light plane crashed into an empty house in Givat Eilat in lower Galilee on Thursday, Independence Day. Witnesses said they saw the plane doing aerobatics shortly before it crashed into the house, causing extensive damage. The civil aviation authorities are investigating. David Rudge

Two killed in feud in North

Police remained on alert in Kafr Eilut, near Nazareth, yesterday, following fierce clashes between rival family clans there on Friday in which two people were shot to death and four others were wounded.

Three houses and a car were set ablaze during the riots. A large police contingent equipped with riot gear managed to restore order Friday night, although tensions remained high. Police arrested more than 30 people.

Israeli Arab leaders were asked to try and mediate between the rival families.

According to reports from the village, the fighting followed the rekindling of a long-running dispute. David Rudge

3 remanded in stabbing of teenager in capital

Three teenagers have been remanded for 10 days in the stabbing death of another teenager in Jerusalem's Independence Park late Wednesday night. Police said the 17-year-old perpetrator, who was arrested in Tel Aviv overnight on Thursday, has admitted to the stabbing. The incident occurred when one of the youths sprayed the other with holiday foam, then someone sprayed one of the youth's girlfriend, which precipitated a brawl during which the stabbing took place. Eli Wohlgelehter

Second surrogate mother gives birth

A 40-year-old woman from the Ashkelon area on Friday became the second Israeli surrogate to deliver another couple's baby. A healthy 3.18-kilogram boy was born at Barzilai Hospital. The 40-year-old woman, who has children in school and the army, decided to undergo implantation of an embryo produced from the sperm and ovum of a childless couple. The commissioning parents live in the Jerusalem area and are in their 30s. Married for six years, they were active in the struggle for the passage of the Surrogacy Law. Judy Siegel

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Guy and Noah Yitzhaki
Nili Yitzhaki

Chief of staff appointment nears

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Amid uncertainty about who will be the next IDF chief of general staff, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is scheduled to meet today with the two top candidates for the post.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is also expected to meet separately today with Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i and Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz to discuss their futures. He also met with them last Tuesday. There was no indication from Tuesday's

meeting about who would get the nod, sources close to the participants said.

Netanyahu, a childhood friend of Vilna'i, 54, was widely quoted in weekend newspaper reports as leaning towards Mofaz, 50, who is Mordechai's candidate.

But both Netanyahu and Mordechai have not publicly divulged their preferences.

Defense sources said that Mordechai may inform the two candidates of his choice during their meeting today.

Any decision would still require cabinet approval.

Mordechai has never publicly backed Mofaz, and has expressed support for him only in a very few forums in private, defense sources said.

Netanyahu speaks highly of Vilna'i, a former deputy chief of general staff, but has never said publicly that he backs him for the top job.

In an Independence Day interview with Channel 1, Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said that he felt there were more than two worthy candidates for the job. But he declined to say who the others

were, nor would he say who he favored for the position.

Shahak steps down on July 9.

He said that he has not gotten involved in the next round of promotions, which is also likely to include the naming of an OC Northern Command and an OC Intelligence.

Members of the general staff have kept quiet about who they favor to be the next chief of staff. But one general said it was widely believed that Vilna'i deserves the job.

Arafat 'disappoints' Dutch group tracking MIAs

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Two Dutch women working for the International Coalition for Missing Israeli Soldiers met with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Ramallah Wednesday, hoping to elicit new information about the three MIA's captured on June 11, 1982 in the battle at Sultan Ya'acov.

Christa Rhodius, 49, and Jeannet Van Duuren, 48, met with Arafat for 40 minutes but "came away disappointed," according to Rhodius. She said the two had hoped for some new information as a gesture for Israel's 50th anniversary.

The two have travelled all over the world meeting with dignitaries in many countries, seeking information on the whereabouts of Zecharya Baumel, Ya'akov Katz and Tzvi Feldman, who were captured 16 years ago.

The two women hoped Arafat would hand over some of the soldiers' personal belongings they believe to be stored in a safe that was originally held by Abu Jihad (Khalil al-Wazir) in Tripoli, Lebanon and transferred over to

Gaza. In 1993, Arafat handed over half of Baumel's dog tag to former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and told him that more information regarding the MIA's would be forthcoming.

This, however, did not happen, said Duuren. The two women asked Arafat where the other half was.

The Coalition's spokesman, Daniel Grisaro, said that unknown to Arafat, Princess Dina, the former wife of Jordan's King Hussein, obtained a wax imprint of Baumel's dog tag that was held in a second safe in one of Hussein's palaces. It is now being held by the Defense Ministry, he said.

The two women asked Arafat about the second safe but they said the chairman often strayed from the questions.

"He said that the battle was a long time ago and he could not remember details," said Rhodius.

He promised to check into the matter, she said.

Arafat's aides could not be reached for comment on the meeting.

A miniature Woodstock at Har Homa

By ELI WOHLGELEHTER

In the largest demonstration of support in 13 months of dispute over Har Homa, an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 people showed up to celebrate Independence Day there in a dizzying blend of partying, politics and protests.

The perfect picnic weather attracted busloads of supporters from around the nation, who promoted the controversial building project by staging a miniature Woodstock.

A mix of haredi and Zionist tunes could be heard as families grilled meat near vendors who peddled hot corn, ice-cream, candy and soda. There were traffic headaches, with cars parked every which way, and roads that were clogged shut; a call from the stage seeking the parents of a lost boy; and a political cause, with chanted slogans, banners held, car stickers sold and speeches.

Naturally, there was a counter-demonstration as well: a half-kilometer below Har Homa's lookout peak, on the closed-off main road leading to the party site, hundreds of Peace Now supporters hoisted a large white balloon in the shape of a dove while calling for a halt to the construction.

Dozens of anti-Har Homa slogans were also spray-painted overnight on the hill's rock walls along the dug-out roads.

Peace Now supporters leaving the hill, known in Arabic as Jabal Abu Ghneim, to the Palestinians.

Police said they stopped several demonstrators from both sides from trying to cross police lines.

One left-wing protester managed to reach the Har Homa stage and grab the microphone for a few moments from Aharon Domb, the head of the Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

The pro-Har Homa bloc laid a symbolic cornerstone at the site to press the government to move ahead with construction. But it is unclear whether the demonstration will have any impact.

Despite the completion of preparatory work months ago, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has delayed the next step of asking private contractors for bids, apparently in response to pressure from the United States.

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Outstanding soldiers

President Ezer Weizman and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak walk among the 120 outstanding soldiers honored at Beit Hanassi on Thursday. (Ariel Jerusalem)



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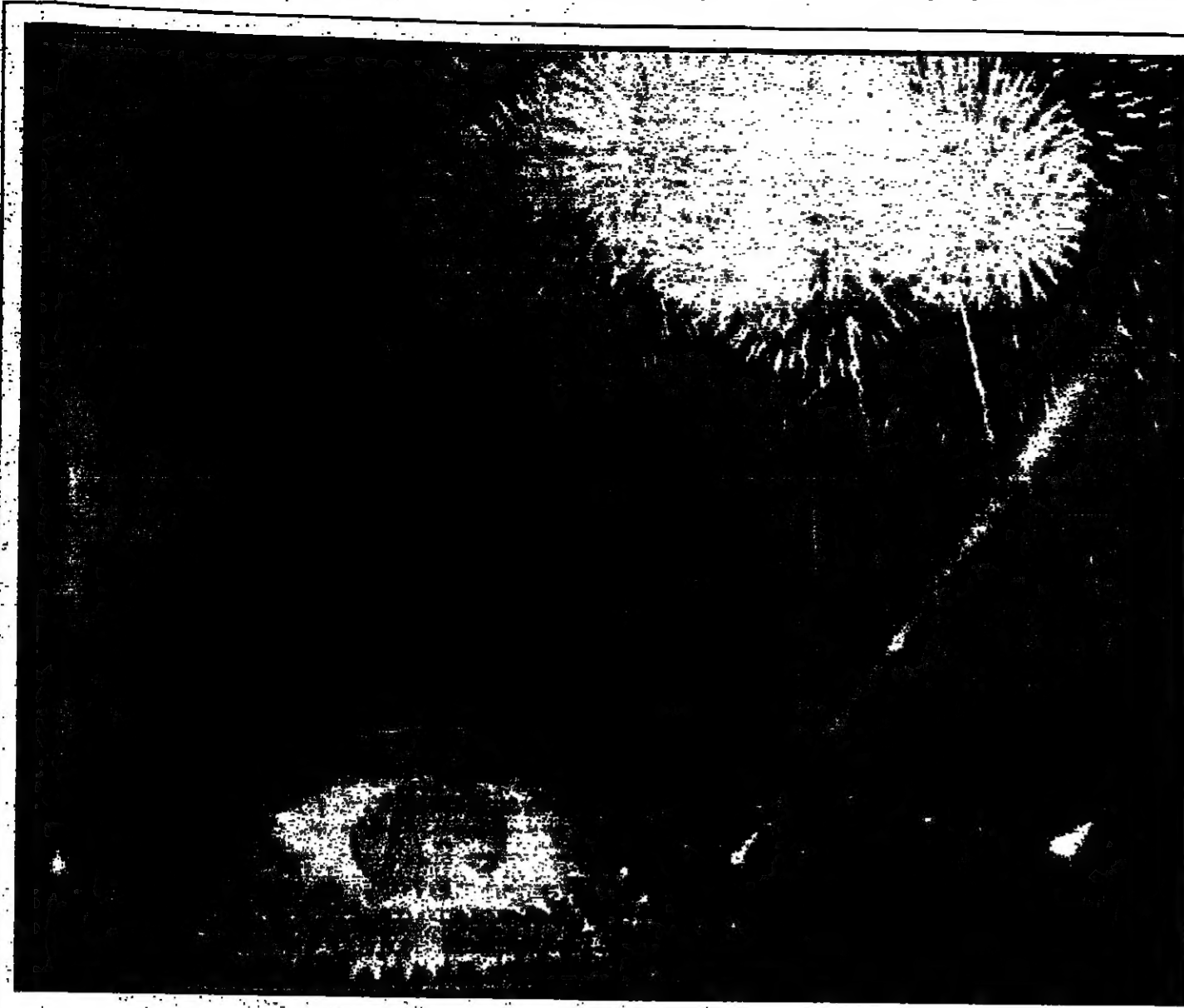
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Jubilee pyrotechnics
Fireworks explode over the Hebrew University Stadium in Jerusalem's Givat Ram on Thursday night, during the 'Jubilee Bells' show.
(Ariel Jerolimski)

President Weizman tells diplomatic corps:

Jews need to improve ties with Israeli-Arabs

By BAT SHEVA TSUR and LIAT COLLINS

As the state celebrates its jubilee, its Jewish citizens have to examine their relationship with the Israeli Arab population, President Ezer Weizman said Thursday.

This has to be one of the country's top priorities now, Weizman told members of the diplomatic corps, who had come to Beit Hanassi for the traditional Independence Day reception.

The diplomats - many of them in colorful national dress - had to line up for almost an hour to shake the hands of the president and Reuma Weizman. Then they crowded the lawns of the presidential residence to drink a toast to the state.

"We can look back on 50 years of achievements, but also many mistakes," Weizman told them. "But one thing that was not a mistake was making peace with Egypt," he said, singling out Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny.

"This peace could be better, should be better and will be better," the president said.

Weizman also lauded the peace with Jordan.

Turning to the North, he said: "It is interesting that one of the most peaceful areas is the Golan Heights, where we face Syria although we don't speak to each other yet. There are problems with Lebanon, but we have some ideas to solve that; it's not round the corner."

The transition to Independence

Day from Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars was marked with the torch-lighting ceremony on Mt. Herzl. The 15 torch lighters - some public figures and some less well-known - were chosen to represent the themes of revival, achievement, unity, peace, security, vision and hope.

As in previous years, the ceremony was hosted by the Knesset Speaker, Dan Tichon, and the Knesset Guard marched in a parade of honor. This year, to mark the jubilee, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu read excerpts from the Declaration of Independence.

Tichon stressed the theme of national unity.

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'Jubilee Bells' ring on - finally

By LIAT COLLINS

Do not ask for whom the Jubilee Bells tolled at Thursday night's celebration of 50 years of independence. The main thing is they rang at all.

A huge question mark hung over the event even after the performances had started at the Hebrew University stadium at Jerusalem's Givat Ram, in the presence of US Vice President Al Gore, President

Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other dignitaries.

But the show went on - as it must. Particularly when it's being broadcast live on several channels at home and abroad and 12,000 ticket holders have been waiting several hours for it in the Jerusalem chill.

Yet as the performers were on-stage, the real drama was behind the scenes, where negotiations

went on to the last minute to try to keep the Batsheva Dance Company's "Who Knows One?" in the program in a form that did not compromise either artistic integrity or religious sensibilities.

The company's eventual decision to pull out cast doubts over whether other Jubilee Bells entertainers, particularly comedian Tuvia Tsafir, would continue.

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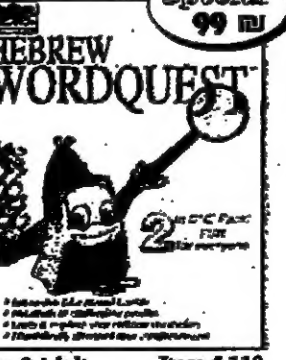
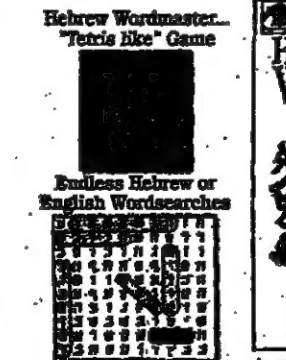
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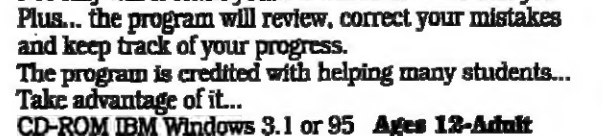
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Petah Tikva teen wins Bible quiz

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Shimon Muskat of Petah Tikva won the International Bible Quiz for Jewish Youth on Thursday, edging out Kiryat Motzkin's Kamit Zeligler by one point, after earlier being declared the winner of the Israeli title.

Muskat, who attends the Bnei Akiva Yeshiva High School in Bnei Brak, scored just a hair better than Zeligler, a pupil at Kiryat Motzkin's Ulpun Segula, on a question posed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asking the competitors to cite passages from the Bible that appear in Israel's Declaration of Independence.

Haggai Ben-Haim of Beit She'an was the second-runner up as Israeli pupils took all three top spots. Matityahu Shulman of the Talmud Torah Academy in New Jersey was third-runner up.

Shira Bloch of Melbourne, Australia finished as the fourth runner-up while Yael Gross, also of New Jersey, was the fifth runner-up. Bloch has earlier won the Diaspora Quiz, the first time an

Australian has won that title.

In presenting his question, the prime minister noted the great miracle that had followed the great tragedy of the Holocaust, with the state growing from 600,000 people at its founding to over five million today.

The prime minister said that some time in the next century, when more than six million Jews live here, it would mark the first time in thousands of years that the majority of the Jewish people live in Israel, "exactly as was foreseen by the prophets."

The questions were presented to the 16 finalists by such noted figures as Ida Nudel and Dr. Zerah Warhaftig.

The event was also attended by Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon, who presented the prize to Muskat, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, and Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg, whose father, Dr. Josef Burg, headed the panel of judges. The elder Burg was presented with a special award for his long-standing contribution to the competition.

Prince Charles joins chief rabbi in synagogue

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, attended a festive *ma'ariv* service at the St. Johns Wood Synagogue in London to mark Israel's 50th anniversary on Wednesday.

Flanked by Britain's Chief Rabbi, Jonathan Sacks, and Israel's Ambassador to London, Dror Zeigerman, the prince, wearing a white kippa, was greeted by a Jewish day-school choir before being escorted to a place of honor inside the synagogue.

His sole contribution to the hour-long ceremony was to join in the singing of "God Save the Queen." However, he heard two passionately pro-Israel messages from Sacks and Zeigerman.

In his address, Sacks said Israelis and Palestinians were "uniquely qualified to understand each other's pain.... Let those shared tears unite us as we search for a way out of the maze of human conflict."

Sacks described the path to Israel's jubilee as "the longest journey in the history of mankind."

"Israel has shown great courage in war," he added, "and it will now

show no less courage in the search for peace."

Zeigerman said the anniversary provided the opportunity to "emphasize the overwhelming determination of the Israeli people to live in peace with our neighbors."

At an embassy reception the following day, Zeigerman drew a veil over recent diplomatic strains. He indicated there were no more hard feelings over acrimony triggered when British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook met a Palestinian official at Har Homa. That step had prompted Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to cancel a dinner invitation.

Zeigerman hugged Cook after thanking him for convening the Nazi Gold Conference in London last December and praising his diplomacy.

"We have a good working relationship with the Foreign Office," Zeigerman said.

Prime Minister Tony Blair also attended the reception, becoming the first serving British prime minister to attend Israeli Independence Day celebrations. His visit to Israel last month was a prelude to tomorrow's US-Israeli, US-Palestinian proximity talks.



Britain's Prince Charles (center) talks with Britain's Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks (left) and Israeli Ambassador Dror Zeigerman on Wednesday at the United Synagogue in St. Johns Wood. (AP)

Blair described himself as a "profound friend of Israel and the Jewish people." He described the

establishment of Israel as "one of the most remarkable and miraculous events of our time."

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German troops to train here

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

A select group of German officer cadets will be arriving here today to participate in the first exchange program between the two countries' armed forces.

Seventeen outstanding cadets were chosen, who each are attached to an IDF battalion and participate in its training and exercises, the IDF said.

The cadets will be arriving with German Army chief of staff Lt.-Gen. Helmut Willmann, who will be the guest of OC Ground Corps Command, Maj.-Gen. Amos Malka, the army said. Also accom-

panying them is the IDF military attaché in Germany, Brig.-Gen. Shmuel Zucker.

They will inaugurate their three-week program with a ceremony this afternoon at Yad Vashem, where the uniformed German soldiers are to lay a wreath.

The cadets spent the past week in Koblenz, near Bonn, attending a preparation course on German and Israeli history — with special attention paid to the Holocaust and neo-Nazism in Germany today.

While Germany has similar officer-training programs with the US, Britain, France and Italy, it will mark the first time that German

cadets are coming to this country, a non-NATO member.

Senior IDF officers said that, as bizarre as it may sound, the structure of the IDF is most similar to the German Army than to that of any other force. German officers have in the past participated in IDF training courses, but this is the first time that such a large group of cadets are being hosted.

The IDF has sent numerous personnel to Germany to train, the most recent being the crew of the first Dolphin submarine, being built in Hamburg.

Germany's Defense Ministry has called the visit a chance to "build

tolerance and openness toward other cultures."

Cadets were briefed on recent extreme-rightist incidents in Germany's army and discussed the strong showing last weekend by the German People's Union (DPU), which had campaigned on an anti-foreigner platform in Saxony-Anhalt, an eastern German state, said Maj. Juergen Mitscher, who led the preparation course.

"We touched on ... all the questions that may be posed to us in Israel," Mitscher said in an APTV interview in Koblenz, Germany. The IDF said that the cadets are

to spend their first week traveling the country, studying the history and heritage of the people here. In their second week, they will be split up and each one will participate in training and exercises with a different IDF battalion. They are to depart on May 22.

"It's a very interesting country," said Cadet Florian Bertges. "Of course we will be asked questions. Clearly, one has to be alert."

"How will the Israeli soldiers react, when now Germany — or representatives of the German army — drop in on their barracks?" cadet Andre Wuestner wondered aloud.



Honoring fallen comrades

Veterans of Mahal, the group of foreign volunteers who fought here during the pre-state period and during the War of Independence, light memorial candles on Wednesday at a Remembrance Day ceremony for fallen Mahal fighters at the Jewish National Fund forest near Sha'ar Hagai.

(Ariel Jersakowski)

Five SLA soldiers wounded in Lebanon

By DAVID RUDGE

The Grapes of Wrath monitoring group is to meet tomorrow to discuss protests by Israel and Lebanon over breaches of the understandings during recent incidents in south Lebanon.

Five South Lebanese Army soldiers were wounded — one of them seriously — in the ongoing fighting in the region in the past few days.

The five were wounded Wednesday evening during a long-range Hizbullah mortar attack on an SLA position near Tayr Harfa village in the western sector of the security zone. Two are being treated at Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

The incident followed the heavy fighting on Monday in which an IDF doctor was seriously wounded and five other soldiers from the same elite unit of the Nahal Brigade were hurt.

The wounded soldiers were visited separately by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak over the holiday.

They also received a visit from the helicopter crewman who helped pick them to safety during the fighting on Monday.

The flight engineer, St.-Sgt. T. from the IAF's elite air rescue unit, was winched down from the helicopter three times to bring up wounded soldiers, including the doctor.

The fighting continued over the Independence Day holiday and the weekend with more long-range mortar attacks on SLA and IDF positions in the western and eastern sectors of the security zone.

In one of the incidents on Friday, mortar rounds struck El J'bein village in the western sector of the zone causing slight damage.

There were no casualties among the IDF or SLA soldiers in the other attacks and gunners returned fire.

The five-nation monitoring committee is to discuss complaints relating to the wounding of a Lebanese girl north of the security zone on Monday and a previous incident in which two youths were wounded near Kafa village as a result of SLA shelling.

Hadassah chooses new director-general

By JUDY SEGEL

Prof. Avi Yisraeli, a 43-year-old internal medicine specialist and associate director-general of the Hadassah Medical Organization, will next month be confirmed as its director-general. *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Yisraeli's choice as head of HMO, which owns and runs two university hospitals and is a partner in the medical school and other academic institutions in Jerusalem and Rehovot, became clear when the only other remaining candidate dropped out.

Yisraeli, 43, a medical administration expert with an MBA from Harvard, replaces Prof. Shmuel Penchas, who is retiring.

Prof. Jonathan Halevy, director-general of Jerusalem's competing Shaare Zedek Hospital, suddenly left the race last week even though he had been called "the leading candidate" by a local Hebrew weekly.

Halevy, 50, also an internal medicine specialist, responded to a query by saying only that his decision resulted from "considerations of commitment to Shaare Zedek, its workers and our board."

The hospital spokeswoman, Oma Cohen, did not explain his decision, but said staffers "were very happy to hear" that Halevy, who has done much to expand and upgrade the hospital in the last decade, would stay on.

But Halevy's candidacy triggered some anger inside his own hospital staff and within Hadassah as well. Although Halevy never officially announced he was running for the prestigious Hadassah post, Shaare Zedek staff worried about personnel

The jubilee
"The 50-year-old Israel is a success story, perhaps one of the greatest success stories of the 20th century," writes *Yediot Aharonot's* Nahum Barnea, conveying the festive spirit shared by all the newspapers in their holiday editions.

Society
The primary challenge facing the state, according to commentators and politicians, is mending the rupture within.
"Jewish society was never homogeneous, but usually the common denominator outweighed the dividing elements," declares Shimon Aizikovich, the general secretary of the worldwide organization for Jewish aliya from Arab

countries, to *Ma'ariv's* Michal Kapra.

In an interview with Yaron London in *Yediot*, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says that the "The real conflict [that Israel is currently facing] is between the haredi and secular Jews."

Economy
Yekutiel Federman, president of the Dan Hotels and a businessman, describes the economy in 1948 for *Ma'ariv's* David Lipkin, noting that during the first few months of the state there was a shortage of food.

"The bad economic state and the struggle for survival did not undermine the economic dreams. Even back then, politicians declared their intentions of turn-

ing Israel into the Middle Eastern Switzerland."

Israel has not yet achieved economic independence, *Ha'aretz* editorializes, noting the decline in growth and the high unemployment rate this year.

But Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman in *Yediot* states that the economy is on the road to recovery, claiming that it is only a matter of months.

Summing up
Ha'aretz's Yoel Marcus: "We are here, a small but shrewd country. A small body with the spirit of a superpower." *Ma'ariv's* Yoel Lapid adds: "I am grateful for those who established this country for me, who have given me the chance to live as a free Jew."

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"The cracks in the relationship between the secular and haredi public is very worrying," he said. "There is no greater danger to Israeli society than the national and religious divide."

His message seemed timely, given the scuffles and arguments that had taken place earlier Wednesday at the Holon Military Cemetery, where several bereaved families tried to prevent Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush from attending the Remembrance Day ceremony there. His remarks at the ceremony were punctuated by catcalls.

Reconciliation was more in the air Thursday morning, when a *salute* of sorts took place between Weizman and Lesh Rabin, widow of the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

BELLS

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Tsafrir decided in the end to go on, and won warm applause for a tightrope-walking act as he patterned on the need to be centrist and balanced: "Too far to the right and you fall; too far to the left and you topple."

The *Jubilee Bells* program was meant to depict Israel's history, starting with the theme music from *Schindler's List* and on to Rita's rendition of "Hatikva."

Other scenes were dedicated to the Declaration of Independence; immigration and absorption; the IDF; the country's children; the marketplace; prayers for peace; and the importance of a united Jerusalem — marked by Ofra Haza's "performance" of "Jerusalem of Gold" with a model of the city circling her.

Item contributed to this report.

Khamenei meets Yassin

TEHRAN (AP) — Iran's spiritual leader Ali Khamenei met Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin yesterday and pledged Iranian support for the Palestinian cause, *Tehran Radio* reported.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran and the Iranian people will continue to support Palestinians despite the pressures and conspiracies by the Zionists and their supporters," the radio quoted Khamenei as saying. "Iran will continue its struggle against 'the occupying Zionist regime,' Khamenei said.

Yassin — a 61-year-old quadriplegic — arrived in Iran on Tuesday on a seven-nation tour of Muslim countries. This was the first public visit to Iran by a Hamas official.

Hamas and Iran both oppose the Israeli-Palestinian peace agreements and call for Israel's destruction.

He met the committee this week to discuss the affair.

Apart from the Batsheva dance, another section of the *Jubilee Bells* program was reportedly also pulled. According to *Israel Radio*, it was a scene prepared by director Mikki Gurevitch and controversial artist Yigal Tumarkin. It dealt with the infatuation and showed masked Palestinians armed with axes and a Tumarkin picture.

The Creative Artists Association has demanded that an independent committee of inquiry headed by a judge examine the pressures brought to bear on Naharin by various persons and bodies, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Weizman.

"We cannot leave the ball in their court," said Israel Festival general manager Yossi Talgan, who was at the demonstration. "We have to organize because the religious-secular conflict has reached an unprecedented crisis stage. Yesterday was just the spark."

At the demonstration, some 400 people gathered at the Diaspora Museum in a spontaneous protest. Catcalls and jeers turned into verbal violence.

Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom, surrounded by a police cordon, stood for three hours while demonstrators heaped abuse on him and Levy. Israel Prize winner Yaffa Yarkoni was slightly injured and one demonstrator was arrested in the minor scuffles with police that ensued.

There was also vitriolic criticism of those artists who had continued with the performance, such as Gila Almagor, Tuvia Tsafrir, Orna Porat, Yossi Banai, Yehudit Ravitz and others.

At the same time, there was an emergency meeting of the Batsheva Dance Company board which then issued a statement of total support for Naharin.

WORLD

in brief

Britain publishes list of seized assets

LONDON — The British government has published a list of 25,000 names of foreign nationals and businesses whose assets were seized as enemy property during World War II and never returned.

It has also set up an initial fund of about \$3 million to compensate Holocaust victims and their heirs who can prove they are owed money.

Later this year, an additional 5,000 asset-holders from Poland, the former Yugoslavia and the former Czechoslovakia will be posted on the site. The website address for the list is www.enemyproperty.gov.uk

Douglas Davis

Former Black Panther Eldridge Cleaver dies

Eldridge Cleaver, who achieved prominence as a 1960s revolutionary, author and presidential candidate but spent his later years as a conservative idealist concerned with the environment, died Friday at a hospital in Pomona, Calif., east of Los Angeles. He was 62.

A spokeswoman for Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center declined to reveal a cause of death, citing a family request, but a neighbor, Peter Apanel, who was with him Thursday night said the onetime seminal spokesman for the Black Power movement had complained of what he believed was a reaction to various medications.

Apanel said Cleaver was battling prostate cancer and also taking insulin. (Los Angeles Times)

Terrorism mars Hungarian election campaign

BUDAPEST (AP) — A powerful bomb destroyed the Budapest home of a prominent opposition politician, the second explosion in an otherwise placid campaign for next weekend's elections.

Police said a bomb planted at the door of the politician's apartment exploded shortly before midnight Friday, destroying his apartment and causing such extensive damage that the 20 other residents of the four-story building had to be evacuated.

Law professor Jozsef Szajer, 37, and his family were not home when the bomb went off. Szajer is a leader of the Federation of Young Democrats-Civic Party, is No. 2 in the polls and likely to pose the strongest challenge to the ruling Socialists in parliamentary elections on May 10.

Protestant group opposes Ulster peace deal

BELFAST (AP) — The province's biggest Protestant organization urged its members yesterday to vote against the Northern Ireland peace agreement in the May 22 referendum.

The Orange Order complained that Prime Minister Tony Blair had ignored a request to discuss its concerns about the April 10 accord, aimed at ending 30 years of violence in Northern Ireland.

"We have seen enough and know enough about this agreement to make up our own minds, and it is certainly not a deal true loyalists could countenance," the Orange Order's executive officer George Patton said.

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"My optimism tells me 'I hope we'll have an agreement in London. My realism tells me 'to have an agreement, there will have to be a considerable stretching,'" Netanyahu continued.

He agreed with US President Bill Clinton that the distance between the two sides was smaller than it was a few months ago.

Clinton said Thursday that Israel and the Palestinians are "much closer" to an agreement leading to final-status talks, but that they ought not waste more time in their negotiations.

Clinton said he hoped that the London meetings "will have the elements of an agreement which will get the parties into final-status talks," although Israel and the Palestinians differ on the scope of an IDF redeployment.

"But they are much closer than they were just a couple of weeks ago — much, much closer. And there are some other issues that may be able to be worked out around that, that might enable us to make an agreement," Clinton said.

The sides must decide whether they are prepared to move ahead now or prefer to hold out for more, Clinton added.

"So what the parties have got to make up their minds about is: Do they want to roll the dice? Because, believe me, in the nature of all these agreements, the most principled compromise will leave both sides dissatisfied, by definition."

"You know, if the peace agreements were easy, they'd all be done already. So the most principled compromise will leave both sides dissatisfied."

"Do they really want to gamble on six more months of basically everything in suspended animation? Do they really believe it will be better then? Do they really believe it will be better in another year? What happens when the timetable runs out on the Oslo accord? Will we be closer to peace?"

"I think the answer is manifestly no. And I am hoping and praying that we'll be able to get something positive out of the London [meetings]."

NEEMAN

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• Accelerating the NIS 3.5b. development program for the Haifa and Ashdod ports, which calls for longer jetties and larger storage facilities.

• Reducing the number of foreign workers, now estimated at 250,000, some 70,000 more than the total number of unemployed here.

By February, unemployment had reached 8.3% of the work-

In comments published Friday, Clinton noted that Netanyahu and Arafat were "working under great domestic pressures."

"American Jews fail to understand [that] they've had a huge influx of immigrants, with a huge amount of anxiety that the initial settlers had 50 years ago," Clinton said in comments published in the *Forward*.

He added that "if there's one thing Netanyahu's been right about," it's wanting to proceed to final-status talks now.

"Arafat also has a very difficult political position," Clinton said. He also said he feared that "something bad may happen" while the parties quibble over "1% to 2% of land" to be handed over.

Clinton also said he has sought to impress on Arafat the need to grasp the present opportunity.

"One of the things I keep telling Arafat is that he's got a different reality now. There's a huge attitudinal difference when it comes to the PLO [between the Likud and Labor parties]. My hunch is they'll find a way to work it out."

Clinton said he is intent on proving Yitzhak Rabin's assassin, Yigal Amir, wrong.

"If you look at the history of assassinations, almost none of them had the intended consequence of the assassin," Clinton said, mentioning Abraham Lincoln's murder in 1865. "So far, Rabin's assassin got what he wanted... I want to prove that young man wrong."

Gore met last night with Arafat in Ramallah.

In Saudi Arabia yesterday, Gore met with King Fahd and his apparent political successor, Crown Prince Abdullah, and chatted with US pilots at a desert air base. Gore is scheduled to visit Egypt today.

During his visit here, Gore was able to reinforce his bond with Israelis and to court the support of American-Jewish voters.

"This is a campaign stop disguised as diplomacy," said Avinoam Bar-Yosef, a political commentator for *Ma'ariv*. "But no one cared. This is what they expected."

Gore has enjoyed vast goodwill with American Jews, going back to the strong support for Israeli statehood shown by his father, former Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore Sr.

force and economists predict it will rise throughout the year.

In March the number of job-seekers increased by 10,000, with the Employment Service detecting the largest percentage rise in large cities.

Even before today's debate, Immigration and Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein branded the plan a failure.

"Minister Neeman's economic program doesn't include targets for [reducing] unemployment and fails to fully utilize human capital, therefore I will resolutely object to it in the cabinet," said Edelstein.

100 days after sex charges:

Clinton enjoys political recovery

By TERENCE HUNT

WASHINGTON (AP) — A hundred days after a sex scandal jeopardized his presidency, US President Bill Clinton enjoys a political recovery that frustrates his critics and surprises even his supporters.

While a cloud still hovers over the president, the roar about impeachment or resignation has faded to a whisper.

In public, Clinton projects himself as an untroubled man. He brushes off scandal questions and insists he is interested only in doing the people's business.

He believes his approach is the best strategy for political survival as well as smart policy for the country and good politics, aides say. His busy overseas travel schedule — Africa in March, Chile in April, Europe in May, China in June — has helped divert attention.

He also has been buoyed by his wife's unwavering support and dismissal of Paula Jones' sexual harassment suit.

Privately, though, Clinton sometimes vents anger and frustration about special

prosecutor Kenneth Starr and his investigations. He complains the news media has been unfair. He believes he is the victim of a right-wing conspiracy.

At a news conference Thursday, Clinton gave hints of those feelings, suggesting that Starr was out of control and that investigations of his presidency might last "forever."

Clinton called a friend at a tense moment in the scandal and unloaded: "Can you believe this (expletive)," referring to Starr. "He's crazy. He's a zealot. He'll do anything to hang me."

Despite his comeback, Clinton's troubles are not over. Starr says his investigation is far from finished, and he gained momentum when a federal judge rejected Monica Lewinsky's argument that she had a binding promise of immunity from prosecution in exchange for her testimony.

Further, Republicans once reluctant to attack Clinton have begun to find their voices. Newt Gingrich led the charge last week, accusing Clinton of stonewalling and saying he lacks moral authority.

Aides say Clinton keeps his perspective

by compartmentalizing his life in mental boxes. Occasionally he delves into the box of personal troubles.

"When he's in that box, he's deep in self-pity," a longtime friend said.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said Clinton "works hard not to think about it. When it crosses his mind, it reminds him you can lose a lot of energy worrying about it."

It helps the White House that Americans' once-intense interest in the scandal has waned over time.

Pollsters say a majority of people don't like Clinton as a person or trust him, but they overwhelmingly approve the job he is doing as president.

When the Lewinsky scandal broke with allegations the president had sex with the former White House intern, then told her to lie about it, Columbia University presidential scholar Henry Graff — along with many other analysts and pundits — predicted Clinton's presidency would be destroyed.

"I had no idea he could turn the public opinion around," Graff says now. "From his

point of view and the point of view of the presidency itself, his handling has been spectacular," Graff said. "The spin has been successful, that the devil in the story has become Kenneth Starr," whose investigations are moving on multiple fronts.

White House officials do not pretend Clinton's problems are over. "He accepts as a fact of life that it's there," McCurry said. "There's not much more you can do. In one way, shape or form, it's not over."

At his news conference, Clinton said the attacks against him "used to distress me greatly. It doesn't anymore."

James Thurber, director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University, said the American public has signaled his personal behavior is irrelevant, but the series of scandals has weakened his hand in Congress.

Yet, said Thurber, "it's just amazing that the man can continue to govern, can continue to get up day after day and seem so calm in the midst of so many controversies associated with his character. I don't know how he does it."

Suspected Nazi caught in Argentina

By DANIEL ZADUNANSKY

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — Distancing itself from its reputation as a haven for Nazi war criminals, Argentina arrested a former army captain who presided over the largest — and deadliest — concentration camp in Croatia.

Neighbors booed and whistled Thursday when police led away Dinko Sakic, detained a month after he went public about his past in a TV interview here.

Sakic, 76, put up no resistance and smiled derisively as he was taken from his home in the Atlantic resort of Santa Teresita, 320 kilometers southeast of Buenos Aires.

Interior Minister Carlos Corach told reporters that Croatia was seeking Sakic's extradition for trial in the wartime killings of as many as 600,000 people, although Croatian authorities have not yet filed any charges.

Extradition could be granted in a short time if Sakic consents.

Sakic, who had kept a low profile since he came to Argentina in 1947, admitted in an April 6 television interview that he was the lead commander of the Jasenovac concentration camp, where vast numbers of Serbs, Jews and gypsies perished.

But Sakic denied any wrongdoing, saying no one was exterminated at the camp when it was under

his control. "There was a typhus epidemic, but no cremation ovens," Sakic insisted.

Shortly after the interview, Croatia requested Sakic's extradition and he disappeared from public view.

President Carlos Menem ordered a full-scale search; it was not immediately clear whether Sakic had only recently returned to his home or had been there almost all along.

Federal Judge Hernan Bernasconi, in charge of the proceedings, gave no details on the circumstances of Sakic's arrest.

Yugoslavia's federal court has already begun criminal proceedings, according to media reports Wednesday.

Croatia, formerly a republic of Yugoslavia and now an independent state, has taken similar measures.

The Argentine Foreign Ministry said early this week that Croatia intends to prosecute Sakic in the deaths of thousands of civilians while he served with pro-Nazi Croat forces.

Estimates of the number of people who died in the camp range from tens of thousands to more than a half-million. In addition to Serbs, Jews and Gypsies, Croats who did not support the pro-Nazi Croat regime also were killed.

Cambodia claims Khmer Rouge snuffed out

By KER MUNTIT

SIEM REAP, Cambodia (AP) — As refugees fled across the border, Cambodia declared yesterday that it had all but destroyed one of the world's most brutal revolutionary movements by routing out the Khmer Rouge's last bases on the Thai frontier.

"Everything was over yesterday," Premier Hun Sen said, claiming his forces had seized the remaining Khmer Rouge territory along the northern border. He said government troops were consolidating their positions.

But fighting continued, and Thai military officers said a total extinction of the jungle-savvy guerrillas would be difficult. The Khmer Rouge hold other enclaves across the country.

"I have brought my wife and children here, and then I'm going back to the battlefield," said one Khmer Rouge fighter, who crossed the border along with more than 20,000 refugees fleeing the government offensive.

With the sounds of gunfire trailing them, streams of people carried chickens, water and other meager belongings on their back as they trudged towards the Huay Samran reservoir, about six kms. inside Thai territory.

Mainly civilians who had lived under Khmer Rouge control in northern Cambodia, the refugees traveled up to eight kilometers through rugged terrain and dirt roads to get to the camp. Others were being trucked in.

About 1,500 people had converged by late yesterday on the site, hastily being prepared by the United Nations, the Red Cross and Thai authorities.

The UN refugee agency and the Thai and Cambodian governments agreed last week to repatriate 64,000 refugees already in Thailand so they could participate in July elections.

The fate of top Khmer Rouge leaders Ta Mok, Khieu Samphan and Noun Chea was uncertain. Cambodian Defense Minister Tea Banh claimed government



A Khmer Rouge family pushes a cart with their belongings yesterday along a road leading to a refugee camp near Huay Samran, Thailand. They are among thousands of refugees fleeing Cambodia for Thailand amid heavy fighting between Khmer Rouge and Cambodian forces. (AP)

forces had captured the last strategic Khmer Rouge base, dubbed Hill 200.

"Our troops have already reached (Hill 200), and we are in the process of taking full control of the area," Tea Banh said.

"The (Khmer Rouge) people

have all fled to Thailand. We are occupying all of their territory."

Hun Sen has dismissed an informal proposal by the United States to convene an international tribunal to put Khmer Rouge leaders on trial. The group's former leader, Pol Pot, died in Ta Mok's custody

on April 15, purportedly of a heart attack.

He had been deposed in a bloody internal power struggle last year. Pol Pot led a Marxist regime that caused the deaths of as many as 2 million Cambodians between 1975 and 1979.

East Europe hails US vote on NATO

By CHRISTINE SPOLAR

WARSAW — In Poland, the political elite was so keen to hear news of US Senate approval of NATO expansion that, when someone misheard a radio report on Wednesday, vodka was poured and eloquent speeches were made — a day early.

In the Czech Republic, politicians bedded their bets at a garden reception Thursday afternoon. They toasted the Czech Senate's approval earlier in the day of the country's entry into NATO, and openly hoped for another Senate "yes" vote to take place thousands of miles away.

Reaction to the US Senate's approval Thursday of NATO's decision to add Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary as members was muted in all three countries Friday because of the May 1 holiday.

Hungarian Foreign Minister Laszlo Kovacs said on early-morning radio in Budapest that the Senate vote was an acknowledgment of "how far 'disintegration' of the former Eastern Bloc brethren — had come since the fall of communism."

Polish Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek issued a statement hailing the vote as "the final obliteration of Yalta," the agreement among the US, the USSR and Britain 53 years ago that effectively divided Europe into East and West after the defeat of Nazi Germany. "The shadow over Poland is slowly dispersing," Buzek said.

"Everyone knows the US Senate was the most crucial fact," said Tamas Wachsler, a Hungarian MP. (The Washington Post)

Bloodshed persists in Kosovo

By KATARINA KRATOVAC

RAKITNICA, Yugoslavia (AP) — A burned-out house, shattered walls peppered with machine-gun fire and gaping grenade holes testified yesterday to the latest Serbian police raid in Kosovo, where fear and loathing defy foreign attempts to halt the bloodshed.

Kosovo's majority Albanians seem more determined than ever to push for independence. Armed militants, increasingly bold, roam the rugged countryside.

Heavily armed Serbian police, dug in behind sandbags, control main roads and towns, while soldiers of the Serb-led Yugoslav army, fuel along the border with gun snipers from neighboring Albania.

More than 150 people have died in Kosovo since a Serbian police crackdown against militants two months ago raised foreign fears of war.

The latest police raid in Drenica, the central Kosovo region where the crackdown began, claimed four more lives Friday, ethnic Albanians said.

Sporadic gunfire still echoed in the distance yesterday as Agim Emmini's bullet-riddled body, its head blown half away, lay amid shards of glass in the family yard. Emmini died in a field behind his

house in Rakitnica, during what his cousin Latif said was a three-hour assault by 150 policemen. His shoes remained where he was shot, and the grass was stained with blood.

Windows in his family's compound were shattered. Walls bore the scars of dozens of bullets and grenades. In nearby Vojnik, three people were killed and three others injured, said the Kosovo Information Center. The report could not be independently verified.

Police fired two 20-millimeter grenades yesterday toward the village of Igjanjeva. A policeman said it was in response to gunfire from Albanian homes.

Ethnic Albanians make up 90 percent of Kosovo's 2 million people, but most Serbs treasure the region as the heartland of their medieval empire. The clandestine Kosovo Liberation Army, fighting since 1996 to win independence by force, seems to be growing.

Five armed men, some wearing its UCK insignia, were on a dirt road between the ghost villages of Kopitje and Turiceva, near the site of Friday's police raid.

"We will keep this territory and defend Kopitje with our lives," said a man wearing a cowboy hat who refused to give his name.

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Suicide bombers on US TV

By JOSEF FEDERMAN

The boyish face, easy smile and soft voice are deceiving. Because of his unassuming demeanor, Rashid Shaker was trained to kill. And had things gone as planned, the young Palestinian would be dead as well, along with dozens of Israeli victims.

Shaker is one of the main characters in Israeli filmmaker Dan Setton's documentary on Palestinian suicide bombers, the most terrifying weapon used by radical Islamic groups in their war on Israel. The film, *Suicide Bombers: Secrets of the Shaheed*, airs on the Cinemax cable TV channel this week in the US, and has already been shown in other countries.

Granted rare access to jail cells and safehouses used by the militant group Hamas, Setton made contact with men who had tried to carry out suicide attacks. The result is a glimpse into the twisted psyche of the "shaheed," or martyr.

"When I interviewed the first person, I expected to meet with a repulsive murderer," Setton said. "But these were ordinary people. That's what made it fascinating."

The film moves from their recruitment in Gaza mosques through the moment that, strapped with dynamite, they tried to blow themselves up. The subjects are alive only because their bombs malfunctioned or because they were caught by police. All are now in Israeli or Palestinian jails.

While it is well known that suicide bombers are typically poor,

single and religious, a far more complex profile emerges in the film. They tend to be quiet and unremarkable, have no criminal record, making them unknown to security services, and can easily blend into crowds. Even their closest relatives had no idea what they were up to.

Sharif, whose hip was blown apart when his detonator malfunctioned while he tried to attack Israeli soldiers at the Erez border checkpoint, was convinced he was in heaven following the explosion. Only when told he was in an Israeli hospital did Sharif realize he was alive. He is now serving a 17-year sentence in an Israeli prison.

The bombers are loyal, if simple, warriors, attracted by a straightforward message of religion and nationalism.

Shaker, for example, was lured by visions of honey-flowing rivers and beautiful virgins waiting for him in paradise. His recruiters also promised \$6,000 to his family.

But most importantly, they stressed that God would be pleased with him. After just three meetings, Shaker was ready to be a martyr.

"I was convinced," he said. "I didn't ask any questions." To prepare for death, bombers lie for hours at night among the graves in cemeteries and train in white, hooded shrouds normally used to cover bodies for burial.

Sealing their fate, bombers are videotaped professing their allegiance to the cause. At this point, there is no turning back. Then a photo is taken. The picture will be

plastered on walls and displayed at his funeral.

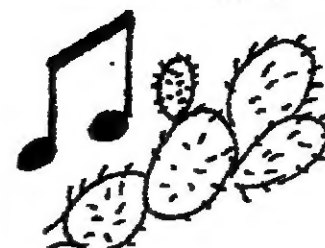
Commanders have much different personalities. With no plans to sacrifice their own lives, they are charismatic, manipulative and cynical.

In one of the film's most chilling moments, Abdul Nasser Issa, the jailed mastermind of two suicide attacks, casually diagrams how a bomb works. Adding nails, Issa coldly notes, "helps the explosion."

None of the film's subjects shows any remorse. Shaker was arrested by Palestinian authorities in April 1996 on the way to attack an Israeli bus and is in a Palestinian prison. An avid soccer fan, Shaker grimly concedes that he could never bomb a soccer stadium, even if it was full of Zionists.

World muzak

Sabra Sounds



By Emily Hauser

A couple of months ago I reviewed and warmly recommended an album by Nash' Didan, a world-music band named for an ancient, Aramaic-speaking Jewish tribe which immi-

Aramaic poem about Jerusalem, based loosely on Naomi Shemer's original lyrics. Underscored, there are violins, a choir which essentially hums Shemer's melody, and a variety of presumably tribal instruments. The result is both overwrought and ill-defined.

Rather than successfully marrying the various musical directions, the song simply mashes them all together.

A similar statement could be made about the entire album. It lacks coherence. Is it New Age? Is it authentically ethnic? And what's that Pink Floyd-inspired guitar doing in the last song?

There are a few pleasant songs, and a number of pretty moments, but the whole just doesn't come together as it did in Nash' Didan's last release, *Idayu*.

HAMASA
Nash' Didan
Phonokol
★★★

grated en masse to Israel in 1929. Unfortunately, I'm disappointed with the group's latest effort, *Hamasa (The Way of Nash' Didan)*. The biggest reason for my lack of enthusiasm is that at times *Hamasa* sounds more like world muzak than world music.

In mixing ethnic sounds with current Western sensibilities, it's all too easy to come up with a syrupy result, the kind of tracks we've been hearing in the background of airline commercials lately — and this time around, Nash' Didan has fallen headlong into the trap.

Nowhere is this more in evidence on *Hamasa* than in the misguided attempt to cover "Jerusalem of Gold." A ponderous man's voice is heard dramatically reciting an

A HINT at the explanation may be found in the fact that a few of the lyrics are sung in English. Normally, that wouldn't be a big deal, but the band proudly reports in *Hamasa's* liner notes that "The Nash' Didan group was established for a purpose — to preserve the Nash' Didan language." These words appear in the last album's notes as well.

Under these circumstances, the English grates and smacks of trying to find an easy way to reach a larger audience. I have to wonder if the scatter-shot approach to the music on *Hamasa* can be attributed to a similar motivation.

Of course, it's never any good trying to be all things to all people. For all the talent the members of Nash' Didan clearly have, their latest album proves that maxim a little too well.

The argument against 'authentic' Mozart

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

It is late afternoon in London and Peter Frankl is about to leave for South Africa.

But he agrees to talk for a few minutes about Mozart.

Frankl first played Mozart while still studying at the conservatory in Budapest.

"Later on I played almost all the concerti. Ever since I settled in London in 1961 there were ample opportunities to play these concerti, first and foremost with the London Mozart Players," he says.

But his first major Mozart breakthrough came in 1967 when he auditioned for George Szell.

"I played various solo pieces for him, yet he wanted me to play more. Eventually he asked me to play Mozart and I began playing the K. 450 concerto."

"It was at the Steinway basement in New York and he immediately sat down at another piano and began accompanying me. Then he wanted me to play a slow movement from another concerto and I played the one from K. 413, which is very rarely played."

"Before he left, Szell said: 'You are going to make your Cleveland and New York debuts playing Mozart with me,' which is, indeed, what happened."

"Szell told me that very few people he knew played Mozart like I did and that he would like me to play with him as long as he lives. Unfortunately, Szell died three years later."

Sir John Barabroli, with whom Frankl made his Berlin Philharmonic debut, also conducted Frankl's Mozart.

Frankl decries today's so-called "authentic performance" approach to the music of Mozart and his contemporaries.

"I have always believed that composers strived to create something new, whether new music or new instruments. And they didn't write for specific instruments at the time, it just happened that these instruments were there."

"I don't believe the fortepiano or any other types of keyboard of Mozart's time could do justice to his dramatic concerti. Mozart imagined something much more substantial than he actually had."

Frankl is a frequent visitor here. He made his Israel Philharmonic Orchestra debut in 1975, playing Mozart's C-Minor concerto with Lorin Maazel on the podium, and has since played with all the local orchestras.

"I love to come to Israel; it is very important for me. So I will play [here] with any orchestra that invites me," he says.

In contrast to many of his peers, Frankl does not conduct from the keyboard.

"I did it once but that was not conducting; I simply fixed things in rehearsal and the orchestra played in the concert without a conductor."

"I know conducting is very rewarding and I can understand my colleagues who do it, but I'm happy to play the piano. I don't need anything else."

Peter Frankl plays Mozart's K. 503 piano concerto in the Haifa Symphony Orchestra's next subscription series. May 9-13 at the Haifa Auditorium.

'Idiots' to compete at Cannes

Director Lars Von Trier will try for another prize at the upcoming Cannes Film Festival, competing with Ken Loach, Hal Hartley, John Boorman and John Turturro, organizers say.

The 22 films in competition at the 51st Cannes festival include four each from France and the US, three from Britain and two each from Denmark, Italy and Taiwan.

Among American films shown out of competition, Mike Nichols' *Primary Colors* will open the festival and the new blockbuster *Godzilla* by director Roland Emmerich will close it.

Denmark's Von Trier, who won the festival's Grand Jury Prize in 1996 for the heartwrenching love story *Breaking the Waves*, is competing with *The Idiots*. Britain's Loach, known for *Raining Stones* and *Land and Freedom*, is in the running with *My Name Is Joe*.

Hartley's new film is *Henry Fool*. The American director is known for *Flirt* and *Simple Men*. Boorman's *The General* is in competition. The British director was a six-time Oscar nominee, but never won, for such films as *Deliverance* and *Hope and Glory*.

American actor-turned-director Turturro is competing with *Illuminata*, starring Susan Sarandon, Ben Gazzara and Christopher Walken. Turturro played the "Gibson" in the *Baron Fink* in 1991.

Monty Python vet Terry Gilliam is in the competing lineup with *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, starring Johnny Depp and Cameron Diaz.

France's Patrice Chereau, best known for his film *La Reine Margot*, is back in the Cannes competition with *Ceux Qui M'Aiment Prendront le Train* ("Those Who Love Me Will Take the Train").

Other films shown out of competition include three other American films: John Landis' *Blues Brothers 2000*, Alex Proyas' *Dark City*, and Roland Joffe's *Goodbye Lover*. Japan, Portugal and Spain are also represented.

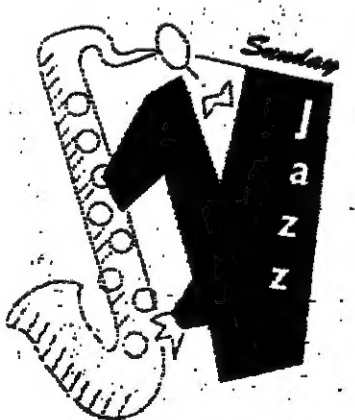
The 51st Cannes Film Festival runs from May 12-24. Presiding over the jury is director Martin Scorsese, of *Taxi Driver*, *Raging Bull* and *Cape Fear* fame.

(Associated Press)



'Blues Brothers 2000' stars (from left) John Goodman, Dan Aykroyd, J. Evan Bonifant and Joe Morton.

South American sex appeal doesn't age



By David Isaacson

What happens to the world's sexiest saxophonist when he grows old?

Well, like Mick Jagger or Paul Newman, the 63-year-old Gato Barbieri remains his lean integrity and adds a maturity borne of experience, thereby becoming more

QUE PASA
Gato Barbieri
(NMC)

JAZZ PROFILE:
CANNONBALL ADDERLEY
(NMC)

seductive than ever. Having traveled, over the course of three decades, from primeval, screaming wildness to soft, minimal whispers, Barbieri now steers an elegant, knowing, and sensual middle course.

On *Que Pasa* he teams up with composer, producer and pianist Philippe Saisse, whose *Next*

Voyage was reviewed in this column last year. Saisse is a wizard of electronic programming — that is, producing ersatz replications of real instruments.

Next Voyage was somewhat cold and soulless, and Saisse's studio pyrotechnics almost douse Barbieri's effortless passion.

"Cause we've ended as lovers" evokes the sultry atmosphere and melody of George Michael's "Careless Whisper," with Barbieri's instrument more worldly wise than the sweet sax on that pop gem. On the choruses of "Dancing with Dolphins," Barbieri reproduces his trademark wail tinged by a Latin vibrato. By contrast, "Mystica," dedicated to the filmmaker Jacques Tati, suggests that Saisse has been listening to a third Frenchman, the composer Eric Satie.

When Saisse deploys real musicians, including background vocalists, he produces a sound so universal it could grace any celebration. And Barbieri has always been a natural celebrant.

The trajectory of the Argentinean's growth is a paradigm of the artist's voyage of self-discovery. In the 1960s, he was at the forefront of the avant-garde movement. *Hamba Khale* (1968) with the South African pianist Dollar Brand (as Abdullah Ibrahim was then known) is an intriguing exploration of musical possibilities. In my student days, a daily intake of that haunting album used to upset the neighbors on both sides of the house.

In the Seventies, Barbieri returned to the tango, mambo and guaracha of his native South America. The continent is the subject of *Para Los Amigos* (1981).



Gato Barbieri steers an elegant and sensual middle course.

live), a majestic, powerful acknowledgment of his roots. Yet undoubtedly his finest hour was the Grammy-winning sound track to *Lost Tago in Paris* (1972).

Que Pasa doesn't reach those heights, but if your parties are quieter than they used to be, yet still spirited, and you don't take exception to drum machines, it might be just what you need on the boogie box.

COMPILATIONS tend to be exploitative. Either they're the

cheap, poorly produced result of an executive's acquisitive visit to the parent company's archives, or they're expensive, repackaged, greatest hits-type affairs which have neither the authenticity nor the thematic continuity of a disc put together with — or even by — the actual artist.

The Blue Note series of *Jazz Profiles* (embracing the likes of Thelonious Monk, Sonny Rollins and Bud Powell) is an exception, especially when NMC is marketing the series in the bargain "mid-

price" range (approx. NIS 45). The profile of alto saxophonist Cannonball Adderley is a model compilation: six cuts from six albums, covering the years 1958-1966.

First up is "One for Daddy-O" from the exquisite *Somethin' Else*. Although that album's quieter featured Miles Davis, it was released under Adderley's name and remains a classic.

Then comes a short rendition of Charlie Parker's "Au Privave," on which Adderley showcases his bop roots. Adderley's playful, funky style on his own "Sack O' Woe" (1960) predicts much of what was to happen in that decade's pop music. No wonder it's been covered by so many musicians. Similarly, Joe Zawinul's "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy" takes swing and turns it into a Sixties groove, like a classy "Green Onions."

Rarely has a jazz number had such a great hook.

Adderley's lineups are superb. From bassist Sam Jones and drummer Art Blakey to flutist Yusef Lateef and pianist Joe Zawinul, this profile sounds like a compendium covering 20 years.

And, of course, Cannonball (a nickname derived from "cannibal," alluding to his indelicate eating habits) is also accompanied by brother Nat on cornet. Four of the cuts are live, the packaging is attractive and the liner notes informative.

Blue Note is no longer an independent label — it's owned by Capitol Records — but if the quality of the Profile series is anything to go by, not even the most diehard of fans will mind.

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Out of step

The non-appearance of the Batsheva Dance Company at Thursday's Jubilee Bells gala performance provided an unchoreographed finale to the scandal-ridden jubilee celebrations. An evening that was meant to be the icing on the birthday cake quickly crumbled into the first post-30th anniversary argument between Israel's secular and religious populations.

When President Ezer Weizman climbed into the cockpit 50 years ago to fight in the War of Independence, one doubts he envisaged himself half-a-century on, as president of the sovereign state of Israel, discussing dancers' legging. Yet there he was on Independence Day, busily trying to negotiate a deal with Batsheva's artistic director Ohad Naharin, that would allow the show to go on without compromising either the dancers' artistic freedom or the religious sensibilities of the Orthodox community. With hindsight, this was a battle Weizman was destined to lose.

Given his contention two years ago that Israel's flag is nothing but a rag on a pole, it is difficult to ascribe any value to Jerusalem deputy mayor Haim Miller's remarks concerning the celebration of Independence Day. But

his criticism of the piece Batsheva was to perform (not, of course, that he had seen it) does hold some validity.

Modern dance, to all but its adherents, is a strange language that to the uninitiated is likely to provoke a variety of reactions ranging from amusement to outrage.

When the dance is set to a song from the Haggada, which invokes the name of God, and the dancers disrobe, albeit not completely, one does not need the vision of Theodor Herzl to realize that this has the potential to offend not just the haredi world, for whom performances in which women sing in front of men are anathema, but also a sizable portion of the modern Orthodox community.

The decision to invite Batsheva to perform, therefore, set the stage for the controversy to follow, and for this the Jubilee Bells organizers must take the blame.

No one is denying Batsheva's right to perform the dances they choose, for audiences who choose to see them. But on a night when togetherness was meant to be the central message, their planned performance was simply out of step.

Euro ready for take-off

The continent of Europe yesterday took a gigantic leap towards a future which scarcely anyone outside Europe believed could ever happen. It is a future in which the old familiar currencies of centuries – the franc, the mark, the lira, the peseta, the guilden, will disappear and give way to the first pan-European currency.

With the old coins and notes will go part of the identity of being a French, a German, a Dutch or an Italian individual. That is the sacrifice no one believed this agglomeration of fiercely patriotic independent states could make. It is a sacrifice: four of them – Britain, Greece, Denmark and Sweden, are not yet ready to make – but their reservations are mainly practical and certainly temporary.

A single currency will bind the economies and the peoples of first, the chosen 11 nations, and later of all 15 European Union members. Bank trading rooms will cease juggling the exchange rates of francs, marks and lira. Instead, the shining face of the new-born euro will turn to face the veteran mighty dollar on world money markets. It will eclipse the yen, pushing it into junior place in the rank of world currencies. In short, the euro will have a huge impact on the future economy of Europe, the future politics of Europe, and the future power of the EU on the world stage.

While the European leaders are talking about the monetary union in fiscal and economic terms, the problems of getting everyone on board are, as always, political. The disadvantages for the four outsiders will be economic, but probably not politically significant, unless higher interest rates anger home-owners paying mortgages. The non-joiners will lose influence over EU economic affairs, and may be less attractive to foreign investors – though again, Britain is too big and too important to be significantly ignored by anyone. While Sweden and Denmark also have reluctant populations (Denmark must hold a referendum), Greece is out only because its economic figures did not

meet the strict criteria set for the euro. It is busy correcting that, and will probably be in before the others. Once Britain decides to join, it will be untenable for any smaller European Union member not to.

The lack of attention the United States has paid to the advancing monetary union of Europe has been lamentable, if not surprising. The great enterprise that has been steadily advancing in Europe for the last 50 years has been underestimated everywhere, sometimes even by Europeans themselves.

This is to miscalculate seriously the ability the Europeans have shown to overcome their endless squabbles and disagreements and advance steadily the increasing power and influence. More than one commentator was quick to dismiss the 1992 Maastricht Treaty for the next phase of European union as worth only the unread paper it was written on. Yet this weekend, 11 states were certified by the European parliament as having met the "impossible" Maastricht criteria for launching the euro – and on time too.

As for the row over who would be the governor of the new Central Bank, which has dragged on for months, the EU leaders even settled that yesterday, with honor saved all around. (Dutchman Wim Duisenberg will run the central bank for half of a formal eight-year term, then hand over to a French candidate.) The quarrel over who would set interest rates in the new euro-currency zone was at the very core of how euro monetary policy will be run, and its resolution is at the core of the EU's determination to get everything right.

The point of all these facts and probable facts is that the euro will not crash on take-off next year. It will not even stagger reluctantly into the air, but despite many prophets of doom, it will be a full-powered and confident take-off. In that sense, the decisions taken by this weekend's Euro-summit and parliament are truly exciting and truly historic.



On whose terms?

A Jewish Studies Institute has been established by the government in Beersheva, with Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox participation. The Jerusalem Post editorial ("Pessah unity" April 10) wonders why the Reform and Conservative movements are not rejoicing at this development.

Parroting Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, it suggests that until the new institute is "tested," the non-Orthodox movements should delay court cases seeking recognition of their converts.

Sorry, no deal. Reform and Conservative Judaism are international religious movements with nearly 3 million members. During the Neeman discussions, they made an extraordinary concession by accepting the principle that the Chief Rabbinate alone would conduct legally recognized conversions in Israel.

In return, they were to be granted a single, limited concession: joint participation with the Chief Rabbinate in an institute to prepare conversion candidates who would then be referred to the Chief Rabbinate's conversion courts.

We participated in seven months of intensive meetings, having received the solemn promise of Neeman and government officials that the Chief Rabbinate would be positive toward this approach. But Neeman never even had the courage to present the plan to the chief rabbis, who rejected it anyway, unleashing the usual barrage of vitriol against our movements. In the face of this crushing rejection, Neeman has now put together a plan that instead of giving us a substantive but limited role in the conversion process offers us an unofficial, totally ceremonial role that is so insignificant as to be meaningless.

The Orthodox participants in the new institute sit there as individuals, not as representatives of the Chief Rabbinate; indeed, the Chief Rabbinate has explicitly rejected the validity of the new body. If the institute ultimately produces graduates who then apply to the rabbinical courts for conversion, the chief rabbis have made clear that

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the candidates will be considered without reference to any "contamination" that might have resulted from contact with the institute.

Incredibly, some purport to see in this a "victory" for Reform and Conservative Judaism, when in fact exactly the opposite is true: The mutual recognition, dialogue, and cooperation that would have resulted from the original propos-

We will not be satisfied with crumbs from the Chief Rabbinate's table

als – and that were the very heart of the recommendations – have been entirely eliminated, leaving the status quo essentially intact.

The public statements by the chief rabbis on the institute have all been scathing and contemptuous. More recently, however, they have become a bit more restrained, no doubt recognizing that the most recent proposal gives them the best of all possible worlds.

They retain absolute, unquestioned authority over conversions; they have no need to deal with Reform and Conservative representatives on any level, and can continue their campaign of public abuse against them; and they can hope that the Beersheva Institute, touted as a "breakthrough" for Reform and Conservative Judaism by the government, will lead to a withdrawal of the court challenges brought by the non-Orthodox movements.

THIS, plainly, is Neeman's real agenda. He and the government, with increasing stridency, are demanding that all court challenges be put aside while the institute is "given a try."

Of course, they acknowledge that this process could take as much as two years, and thus would conveniently get the government to the next election with-

out the dangers to the coalition that would result from a Reform or Conservative court victory.

But the Reform movement will pay no heed to the threats and bluster. (I cannot speak for the Conservative movement, but I have no reason to believe that they feel differently.) Unless and until the Chief Rabbinate accepts the original Neeman proposals, there is no possibility whatever that our legal appeals will be frozen.

But, the Post asks in its editorial, haven't we always said that we are not interested in the Rabbinate's recognition since we do not need Orthodox validation? Why do we demand it now?

This argument is utterly disingenuous. It is indeed true that we do not need Orthodox recognition; what we want is recognition by the Jewish state. And if the State of Israel were to recognize us, and register our converts as Jews, we would happily be prepared to ignore the Chief Rabbinate altogether.

However, the State of Israel refuses us recognition, and instead grants exclusive authority over conversions to the Chief Rabbinate. As long as this situation prevails, the only way to win legal standing for our converts to work together in some way with the chief rabbis.

The Post suggests that Judaism's streams must learn to live with each other. I couldn't agree more. And the Reform movement has demonstrated its willingness to make far-reaching concessions in order to make this happen.

But we will not be fiefers and we will not be fools. We will not be satisfied with symbolic gestures or with crumbs from the Chief Rabbinate's table. There is no chance whatever that our legal appeals, the most effective weapon at our disposal, will be set aside until the Chief Rabbinate is prepared to establish with us a true dialogue and a relationship of cooperation and mutual respect.

The writer is president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, an organization of 875 Reform synagogues in North America.

Imposing religion

Russia's troubling approach to establishing official state religions should give pause to any American considering any tinkering with the First Amendment. The Russian government has established Russian Orthodoxy as the country's leading faith and imposed strict limitations and third-class status on every other religious group which was not officially recognized by the atheist Communist regime.

Included in these outlaw religious sects are Roman Catholicism and several forms of Evangelical Protestantism. Second-class status was officially accorded to Buddhism, Judaism and Islam, since these groups were officially recognized – though often persecuted – by the Communists.

It is ironic that the new religious government attributes significance to the decisions made by its atheist predecessors. But this should not be surprising, since atheism was the established religion of the Communist regime. There really is very little difference between establishing atheism as a nation's official creed and establishing a particular religion to play that role.

In both cases, the official imprimatur of the government is placed upon a set of beliefs – in one case, belief in the nonexistence of God, and in the other case, belief in the truth of only one religious worldview.

The plight of the dissident is also similar. In a country that recognizes atheism as its established creed, the dissident is anyone who believes in God. In a country that recognizes a particular religion, the dissident is anyone who believes in a different religion or in no religion at all. Indeed, the plight of the dissident is also similar in countries where religion, as

ALAN DERSHOWITZ

such, is given official preference over agnosticism or atheism.

The lessons for America should be clear. There are those on the religious Right such as Pat Robertson, Pat Buchanan and Jerry Falwell – who claim that since America's roots are Christian, the US government should recognize Christianity as the nation's official creed – and should prefer it to other religions.

Other political and religious leaders closer to the center – such as Ronald Reagan, George Bush and many current officeholders – would seem to favor an official national preference for religion over nonreligion, since the vast majority of Americans profess a belief in God and attend some form of organized worship.

Any such movement in the direction of granting special status either to a particular religion or to religion in general could tear apart the extraordinarily heterogeneous nation America has become since the beginning of this century. It is often forgotten that many of the Christian foundations of the American nation were virulently anti-Catholic.

Indeed, the holding of a Catholic mass in public was prohibited in a number of states, including Massachusetts. The vivid image of Roman Catholics secretly huddling in basements to pray is a staple of news accounts concerning life in Russia today. Were Christianity to be established as the official religion of America, there would surely be monumental struggles as to the true meaning of Christianity. Does the US really want to fight the Reformation all over again on American soil?

And what would happen to the

millions of Americans who do not believe in Christianity – Jews, Buddhists, Moslems, Hindus, Shintoists, atheists, agnostics and deists? Would we be relegated to the kind of closet in which Catholics must practice their faith in contemporary Russia?

BUT is there really a danger of America's falling into the establishment trap? Or was Ronald Reagan right when he said, "A little bit of religion never hurt anyone?" Let there be no mistake about the goals of the religious Right in America.

Listen to their leaders. Ralph Reed: "What Christians have to do is take back the country... I honestly believe that in my lifetime we will see a country once again governed by Christians."

Jerry Falwell: "I hope to see the day when, as in the early days in our country, we won't have any public schools. The churches will have taken them over again and Christians will be running them... We must never allow our children to forget that this is a Christian nation."

Pat Robertson: "The Constitution of the United States... is a marvelous document for self-government by Christian people. But the minute you turn the document into the hands of non-Christian people and atheist people, they can use it to destroy the very foundation of our society."

There really is very little difference between the goals of those Americans who would Christianize America and those Russians who have imposed a particular form of Christianity – and who previously imposed a particular form of anti-religion – on the Russian people.

(United Feature Syndicate)

Best man for the job

DANIEL BLOCH

Every government minister has the right to appoint whomever he wants as director-general of the ministry under his control. Although cabinet approval is needed, it is considered a mere formality. As far as I can remember, no cabinet has ever rejected any minister's nominee.

There is logic to this custom: The minister bears the responsibility for all the actions of his ministry. Therefore, his senior officials should be those in whom he has confidence and with whom he can work smoothly. They are considered personal and political appointments, and they rarely stay in office when their ministers resign or when the government changes.

But the status and responsibility of the IDF's chief of general staff are completely different. First of all, the responsibility for the IDF's actions is not solely in the hands of the defense minister.

By law and by precedence the responsibility is shared with the prime minister, the inner cabinet, the ministerial committee for defense and the whole cabinet.

Secondly, the army is not the personal turf of whoever happens to be defense minister or of the ruling party. The IDF is the people's army. It belongs to all of us.

We all serve, regardless of political affiliations, ideological beliefs or social status. The chief of general staff is everybody's commander-in-chief. He is responsible for our safety and security. He bears the responsibility for the survival of our state and therefore, he cannot be considered a political or personal appointment. By tradition, unlike any other senior civil servant, he stays in office until the end of his term even if the minister of defense changes or a new cabinet is formed.

THE choice of the chief of general staff is not just a formality and the cabinet cannot allow itself to be a rubber stamp for the defense minister's choice. If his candidate

The obvious choice is Matan Vilnai

turns out to be a failure, the responsibility lies with every minister who approved the appointment.

In Israel's history, we have had some excellent IDF chiefs of general staff. We have also had some mediocre ones and even poor ones. The poor ones, history shows, were usually those candidates chosen because of convenience and personal loyalty, not because of their military record of creativity and ingenuity, charisma, intellectual honesty and integrity.

Some generals were rejected because they were over-talented and posed a threat to the defense minister or the prime minister. Even one of our greatest chiefs of general staff, Yitzhak Rabin, was once passed over because of his integrity.

The obvious choice for the new head of the IDF is Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilnai. Of all the possible candidates, he follows the tradition of our better commanders. He has served in a number of postings as a major-general and senior commander, certainly more than any other officer currently serving in the IDF. He is well known for his charisma and integrity. He is not a "yes man". He will tell the truth as he sees it, whether his superiors like it or not.

The other candidate, Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz, has considerably less experience, his tenure as a major-general is the shortest ever of any candidate for the IDF's top job in the last 40 years, and most objective experts believe he is not yet ready for the role of the IDF chief of general staff. Like Vilnai in the past, Mofaz should serve several years as the second in command and then, if proven successful, he might be the obvious choice.

When Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai presents his choice to the cabinet, and before that to the prime minister, every one of them, and especially Netanyahu, has to ask him or herself if they are absolutely convinced that this is the best choice.

This is no trivial appointment, like the ambassador to Washington, where the future envoy is a mediocre choice, who was not a great success in his previous stay in the world's most important capital city. In this case, a mistake is not a disaster. The appointment of the wrong chief of general staff would have serious ramifications. It is the most vital and crucial appointment the cabinet has to decide upon, and the responsibility of each member is the greatest.

Let us hope that every minister will vote according to their true personal judgment, with a clear conscience, for the best man.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OUT OF TOUCH

Sir, – I could not help smiling at Mrs. Weiss' letter "Miss Manners" (April 24). Does she also condemn the use of farm vehicles and ancient cars for weddings instead of Daimlers? For this is the modern trend – and not only in Israel. Perhaps this trend is symptomatic of the value of marriage these days – a sort of finger-snapping at the rituals.

I don't know why your correspondent makes the wearing of a tie by a Knesset member so important. In this climate of ours I should imagine it would be better without it. As a badge of status, the practice of wearing it should be debunked in the same way as that of the top hat which British members of Parliament were obliged to wear until the beginning of this

century. Then Keir Hardie outraged everybody by arriving at the House of Commons with a cloth cap. Since then, the "topper" has been relegated to the status of headwear for horse-cab drivers and funny hats for children.

N.M. RASBASH

Ramat Efal.

TIES OFF!

Sir, – The letter from Judith Weiss of New York, "Miss Manners" (April 24), castigating the inelegant Israeli dress style, reminds me of the time I stood to address a synagogue brotherhood meeting in New Jersey several years ago.

In deference to local custom, I was wearing a necktie. But I mentioned that inasmuch as I'd been living in Israel, this was the first time I'd worn a tie since my wedding. The applause from the brotherhood members was, I think, greater than for any other point in

my speech. I submit that far from adopting the dress styles of Northern Europe and America, Israel could more constructively play a role in liberalizing them.

MARK L. LEVINSON

Herzliya.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On May 3, 1933, The Palestine Post reported that Afula – or, as it was known, the Capital of Jezreel – invited pressmen to hear of progress and help attract further capital to this prosperous city. The hamlet boasted 235 families, numbering 900 souls – of whom 23 were agriculturalists, 40 artisans, 52 officials and the rest were laborers. Afula was spread across 16,000

dunams of which 3,000 were stated to be good for grapefruit. 50 years ago: On May 3, 1948, The Palestine Post reported that a 48-hour cease-fire was agreed upon in Jerusalem's Ka'amon area and in the Old City. The Arab Legion troops, however, stationed at Nebi Samwil, hurled 16 25-pounder shells into Jewish Jerusalem, causing a number of casualties. 25 years ago: On May 3, 1973,

The Jerusalem Post reported that the French Government had reluctantly admitted for the first time the possibility that the French-made Mirage warplanes had been moved from Libya to Egypt in breach of France's embargo on delivery of military equipment to countries which fought in the Six Day War.

Alexander Zvielli

Handwritten note: 150



Jean-Francois Millet: *The Sleeping Seamstress*, oils, around 1845 (\$800,000-\$1m. at Sotheby's New York)

Back in circulation

AT THE AUCTIONS

Israeli art and works by Jewish artists recently "rediscovered" in the "collection" of the national lottery organization, Mifal Hapayis, 110 items in all, will be among more than 300 lots offered at Ben Ami's May 16 auction at the Dan Tel Aviv, with the net proceeds of the Payis works going to establish a fund to help young artists. Some of the notable Payis lots were found by Michael Ben Ami in a disused storeroom.

The Payis lots comprise New Horizons and other historically important paintings. Nobody seems to know how the organization acquired these works. Among them are a Reuven Rubin fantasy of Jerusalem from 1947 (\$60,000-\$80,000); a romantic Lesser Ury Lake Garda sunset (\$20,000-\$30,000); an early Litvinovsky portrait of actress Hanna Rovina (\$4,000-\$6,000); a bronze dancer by Chana Orloff (\$8,000-\$12,000) and works by Streichman, Meyerowitz, Bezem, Naton, Janco and others.

Unfortunately, the catalog doesn't indicate which of the lots are being sold on behalf of Mifal Hapayis, but all the above and most of the modestly priced, unillustrated items at the beginning of the catalog, are Payis lots.

But this wide-ranging sale comprises many fine lots from other sources. Among the true historical curiosities are two early village landscapes, one of modernist geometric construction; by Robert Falk (1886-1958), an important Russian-Jewish revolutionary artist. Signed in Russian, these two oils, both dated to 1912-13, should do much better than their lower estimates of \$16,000 and \$8,000.

An Isidor Kaufmann of an elderly gentleman has a modest lower estimate of \$15,000 and will

also go much higher. Two lovely freely painted gouache seascapes by Mane Katz from the 30s are a reminder that this painter was often at his best when not dealing with Jewish subjects. Each will go over \$5,000. Stenatsky's lively 30s oil on paper of the bust of a young woman (\$3,000-\$4,000); Haim Glicksberg's colorful interior (\$7,000-\$9,000); Ticho's panel and watercolor landscape (\$8,000-\$24,000); Janco's *Mandolin* from the late 20s (\$12,000-\$14,000); Ori Reisman's seascape (\$1800-\$2400) and Yael Bergner's *Jewish Wedding* (\$8,000-\$12,000), will all arouse interest.

A rather messy Zaritsky, *Portrait of Ayala Zacks*, 1968, is optimistically estimated at \$27,000-\$35,000. However there are four watercolors by this painter with modest estimates. A rare sighting is a lively abstract-impressionist painting on paper by Moshe Castel (\$1500-\$2000).

A notable item in this sale is a somewhat ephemeral Modigliani pencil drawing (\$12,000-\$16,000). There are also good drawings by Leopold Krakauer, Jules Pascin and Joseph Constant.

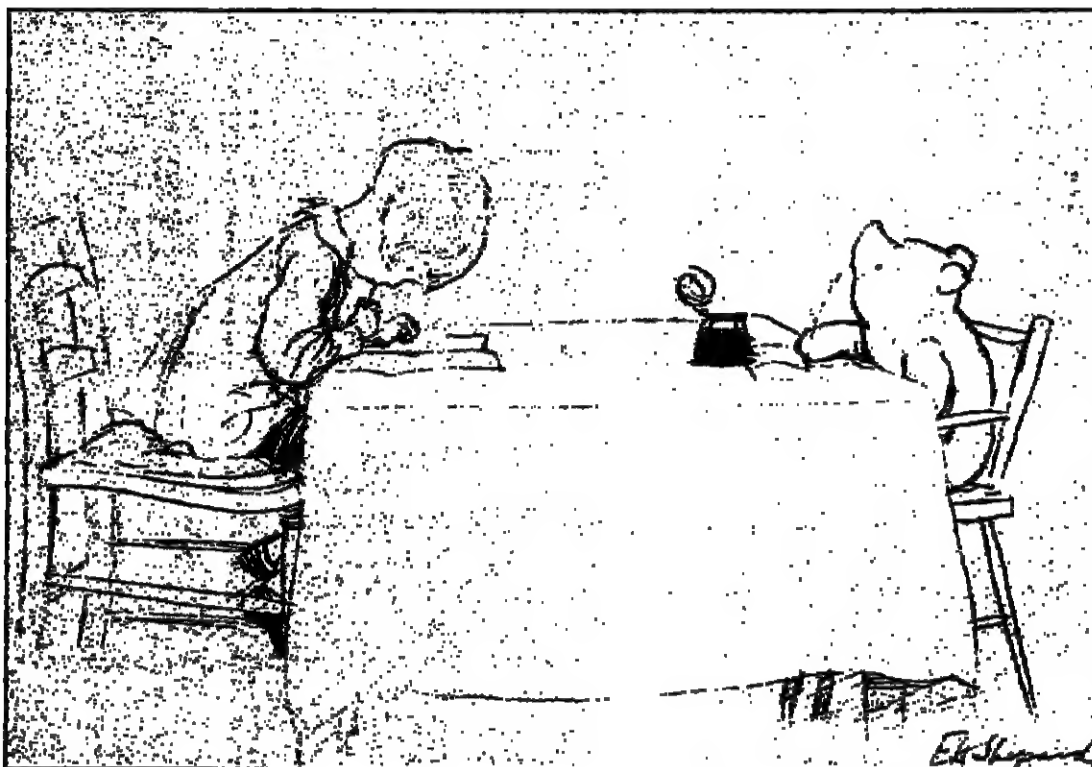
A SALE of remarkable Barbizon, Realist and French Landscape Painting will be held in New York by Sotheby's this Thursday, dominated by no less than seven fine oils by Corot, six landscapes and a standing nude. Other big names in this sale include Millet, Courbet, Harpignies, Breton and Daubigny.

The sexy Corot, *Diana*, was of his favorite model Emma Dobigny, who also posed for Degas and Puvion de Chavannes. A somewhat later and larger Corot employing the same pose, painted a few years later around 1873, is in Moscow's Pushkin Museum.

This nude, purchased just a decade ago at a Sotheby's London sale, has an estimate of \$800,000-\$1.2 million. But among the Corot landscapes, all remarkable for their



Ernest H. Shepard: *Water Rat and Sea Rat Eating a Picnic*, pencil, circa 1925 (£4,000-£6,000 at Sotheby's London)



Ernest H. Shepard: *The Friend*, pen and ink, 1926 (£10,000-£15,000 at Sotheby's London)



Pinhas Litvinovsky: *Hanna Rovina*, oils (\$4,000-\$6,000 at Ben Ami, Tel Aviv)

breadth and composition, are small works at around \$70,000.

Painted just before his death in 1877, Courbet's *The White Sail*, a lakeside composition, has a stiff estimate of \$400,000-\$600,000; an earlier stormy seascape has a similar estimate. A lovely little Bavarian landscape, also by Courbet, starts at just \$15,000; it will go much higher!

Jean-Francois Millet (1814-75), famed for his down-to-earth paintings of peasants in the fields (which inspired not only the oils in this sale by Breton but which were famously reworked by Van Gogh), had early ambitions to make a liv-

ing as a portrait painter. Millet had starved in Paris as a young man and lost his young wife to tuberculosis before returning to his native Normandy.

His unusual and rather over-sweet genre picture offered here, *The Sleeping Seamstress*, was painted around 1845 for a local art club lottery when Millet was trying to reestablish himself in Le Havre; the model was probably his companion and later common-law wife, Catherine Lemaire. This charming oil has a healthy estimate of \$800,000-\$1m. A bright watercolor and pencil by Millet (\$40,000-\$60,000) and his charcoal and gouache of a laundress (\$80,000-\$100,000) have high estimates because of their historical value.

I ADMIT to having grown up in another age but still regret that contemporary book illustration lacks the charm, wit, poesy and fantasy of earlier English illustration.

In Sotheby's London sale of Illustrated Books and Drawings this Thursday are several delightful original drawings by Ernest H. Shepard, creator of the deathless images of Winnie the Pooh and his friends, made a little over 70 years ago.

A superb pencil drawing by Shepard *Water Rat and Sea Rat Eating a Picnic*, has an estimate of £4,000-£6,000. *The Friend*, a fine pen and ink drawing of

Christopher Robin and Winnie the Pooh writing letters together, has a healthy estimate of £10,000-£15,000. Three ink drawings by Aubrey Beardsley are also on offer (£6,000-£8,000).

A ROMANTIC impressionist portrait of a pensive young woman painted in 1879 by Manet's sister-in-law, the brilliant Berthe Morisot, is to be sold by Christie's New York on May 5. This remarkably freely-brushed work has an estimate of \$1.4m-\$1.8m.

Christie's follows on with an evening sale of 20th century art on May 12 that comprises a tall (2.35m.) green and yellow Rothko with a top estimate of \$3.5m; a fauvist Vlaminck of a river and bridge from 1905 (\$3m-\$4m); a Modigliani of a seated woman painted in 1916 and a fauvist Braque landscape from 1906 that are both expected to go even higher.

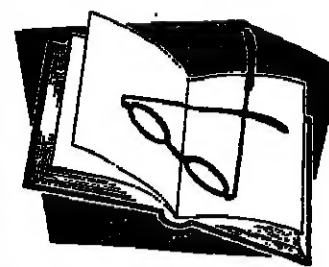
A incredibly lively comic oil of a seated nude by Picasso, 1971, should easily top \$2m. An unusually successful oil by the late Richard Diebenkorn has an estimate of \$1m-\$1.5m.

There's still plenty of great painting in circulation. All you need is money.

SOTHEBY'S SALE of Impressionist and Modern Art will be held in New York on May 13-14. Details in our next column.

More like Dylan than Dylan himself

Book Review



By Roger Catlin

The Rich Man's Table, by Scott Spencer (Knopf, \$23, 272 pp.)

One of Bob Dylan's ex-girlfriends purportedly is writing a tell-all, claiming he actually has three ex-wives and "eight or nine" children from these and other women, rather than the one ex-wife and five children on record. That bit of gossip fits in well with Scott Spencer's new novel, which takes the point of view of an unacknowledged son of a folk/rock hero who's often more like Dylan than Dylan himself.

Christian, champions a convicted murderer - everything Dylan has done.

Fairchild has become, Spencer writes, "so famous, so beloved, so despised, so lonely, so pious, so drug-addicted, so vicious, so misunderstood, so overanalyzed" and representative of "the history of the second-half of the 20th-century America."

Young Billy becomes obsessed with Luke, interviewing old cronies under the guise of writing a book. That book couldn't be this book, which mostly concerns the yearning of a son to meet his father - not to obtain any table scraps necessarily, but to be recognized as kin.

Spencer, who may be best known for providing source material for a bad Brooke Shields movie, *Endless Love*, is a skillful writer who knows his way around an emotional map. But often what he's describing is only thinly disguised nonfiction.

On speedy, disconnected raps, Spencer's got the Dylan patner down.

But it's tough to believe Luke

"Dylan was never an especially autobiographical writer, but Luke is almost purely so, with a bad Dylanesque rhyme to fit every life occasion"

In *The Rich Man's Table* (the title derives from the Bible's Lazarus, who "longed to eat the scraps that fell from the rich man's table"), Spencer takes the voice of Billy Rothschild, who finds out as an adolescent he is the son of one of the most influential men of the century; that's his mother hanging on the arm of the famous singer on his first album, strolling down Bleeker Street.

Other than having a far less interesting name than Bob Dylan, Luke Fairchild has had the same career trajectory: a Jewish kid from the Midwest who changes his name and moves to Greenwich Village, where he conquers audiences by absorbing folk roots. He becomes a rock star, goes

could be hero to a generation - with far more hits than his real-life counterpart - considering his awful lyrics.

Dylan was never an especially autobiographical writer, but Luke is almost purely so, with a bad Dylanesque rhyme to fit every life occasion. But a lyricist this weak couldn't lead a leash, let alone a generation.

It is a fairly conventional device that leads Luke back to the love of his life, where he eventually accepts Billy as his son, after a series of relatively unconnected scenes and dropped characters.

At least Luke doesn't win his first Grammy for album of the year at age 56. Nobody would have bought that.

(The Hartford Courant)

Too fast for history to repeat itself

Earthly Concerns



By Dvora Ben Shaul

In attempting to predict future trends, there is a natural inclination to try to extrapolate from historical data.

Unfortunately, when it comes to the subject of global economic growth, increased consumption of natural resources, or the rise in population over the past 50 years, history offers no precedent.

In just five decades - well within the lifetime of millions who are still living - the use of wood has more than doubled, water and grain consumption have tripled, fish consumption has increased fivefold, and paper consumption sixfold.

In this same period, the demand for steel has shown a fourfold upswing, fossil fuel consumption went up fivefold, and air and water pollution about eight times.

The economy, the population load, and the burden of consump-

tion of natural resources continue to expand, but the ecosystem upon which all this is based does not.

This inevitably leads to stressed relationships between the two sides.

For decades, the conspicuous consumption of the Western world and, most particularly of the United States, has been seen by developing nations as a model to be emulated, a lifestyle to work hard to attain.

There is probably no place where this model is so clearly illustrated as in the rapidly developing economy of China.

Growing at an unprecedented rate, China is, in the words of Lester Brown from the World Watch Institute in Washington, D.C., "actually telescoping history."

Brown says that "China is teaching us that the Western industrial development model will not work there because there are not enough land, water or energy sources available in the world for everyone in China to consume at US levels."

China has already surpassed the US levels of per capita pork consumption. While beef consumption is still low - only four kilograms per person annually - a higher living standard has raised expectations, and beef consumption is climbing.

If the Chinese consumed beef at

US levels, it would take 343 million tons of grain to produce the necessary annual 49 million tons of beef.

This equals the entire US grain production.

But grain-producing countries are already at a low point of productive yield and are considered to be "just one bad harvest away from chaos in the world grain markets."

The same statistics are basically true of world production of fossil fuels, wood and water, and other commodities.

Many critics say that any attempt to put brakes on this headlong rush is a call for stopping economic growth and, worst of all, for discriminating against the newly developing economies in favor of the established industrialized areas of the world.

This, say some leading eco-economists, is a fallacy. What is needed is reform on a worldwide level that will allow for steady economic growth in a sustainable system.

There are many factors that enter into this matter, such as rapid population growth, land, water and resource depletion, disposable economies and wasteful industrial practices.

All these will be dealt with in future articles aimed at explaining how we can and indeed must work toward a sustainable environmental economy.

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The Rubinger retrospective on CD-ROM



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Portrait of Israel, a CD-ROM in Hebrew and English, by CD-JeMM, Jerusalem, for the whole family, NIS 79 at The Jerusalem Post Book Department (www.poststore.com) and somewhat more via the company's Web site at <http://www.jemm.co.il>. Rating: ★★★★★

For the many Israelis who don't feel quite in the mood to celebrate the state's 50th year of independence, this disk could be a cure, or at least offer some relief. Take a look at these images, lovingly captured by David Rubinger, and you'll see and feel what the country started with and how far we have come since then.

Immerse yourself in the 1,000 photographs from 1947 to 1997 — selected from among the 500,000 photographs by one of Israel's premier photojournalists during his long career — and you'll forget, at least for a while, your confusion over where Israel is going, your sorrow over growing internal divisions and years of missed opportunities, scandals and flawed leadership.

Rubinger, born in Vienna in 1924, moved to Eretz Yisrael with Youth Aliya when he was only 15, leaving behind his mother, who died in the Holocaust. He lived on Kibbutz Beit Zera and, during World War II,

served in the British Army's Jewish Brigade. He became a staff photographer for Time magazine in 1971, also working for a time as photo archive director of The Jerusalem Post, which has published more of his photos than most publications. He won the Israel Prize last Independence Day for his life's work.

Many of Rubinger's moving photographs reproduced here have become collective memories in the Israeli consciousness: barren hillsides dotted with tents or caravans; new immigrants; wounded soldiers; David Ben-Gurion in silhouette; the paratroopers after liberating the Western Wall; the bereaved Yemenite mother hugging the gravestone of her son who fell in the Yom Kippur War; Anwar Sadat whispering to Menachem Begin; Teddy Kollek campaigning for himself between a sandwich board; Golda Meir in her kitchen; Yitzhak Rabin and Moshe Dayan asleep on a military plane, and many more.

The archive of 1,000 black-and-white and color photos can be sorted by date or by any of several dozen subjects. It's a bit disappointing that a search engine for finding a photo on the basis of a single word isn't on the disk, but perhaps it would have taken too much memory. However, if users view all the photos, as I did, they will easily find what they need.

Aside from the archive itself, there's a "Gallery" section presenting Rubinger's 50 favorite photographs: just click a button and hear an anecdote on the circumstances of the picture (such as how a nun in Jerusalem's "No-Man's Land" found the false teeth of a person who had lost them while leaning his head out of a window above). The user is likely



Israel Prize-winning photojournalist David Rubinger next to one of his most famous photographs: paratroopers at the Western Wall in June 1967. (Roni Na'aman)

to hunger for more. The "Theatre" section will probably be a favorite. A famous photo

of a Jerusalem crowd celebrating after the announcement of the Partition Plan in October 1947 by

climbing on a British armored car and waving a makeshift Israeli flag was re-enacted last year by

Rubinger. Traffic was stopped on King George Street, and the celebrants (or the relatives of those deceased) returned — some even from the Diaspora — to sit on an old armored car.

This video segment, produced thanks to Micha Shagrir, is very emotional. Rubinger "shoots" the contemporary scene, which alternates on the screen with the photos of 50 years ago.

One man, who sat astride a bicycle in the historic photo, returned to live here after 35 years as an electrician in New York, but he was bitterly disappointed by the "change" in Israeli behavior. One can hardly overcome one's own tears when he breaks down, saying: "For fifty years, we lived at peace among ourselves. I thought that among ourselves we'd be united, but that didn't happen... I'm sorry. It hurts. There is no culture of dialogue in Israel; people don't talk to each other."

Slide shows of a variety of Rubinger photos on various subjects (the early years, the Six Day War, immigrants, leaders, and so on) are presented with verses from a poem by Rivka Miriam, and original music was composed to accompany them. The photographs can be saved to the hard disk or printed out, but their commercial use or public display is forbidden.

"One could always argue over which photos I included and which were excluded. It was a very difficult decision," says Rubinger. There are dozens of photos from the 1990s as well, but the greatest impact this CD-ROM makes is the portrayal of Israel's painful but often glorious past, from which one can garner strength to look towards the future.

Jerusalem Impressions, a CD-ROM in English and German, by the company of the same name, POB 1628, 91010, Jerusalem, for all ages, NIS 39. Rating: ★★

This collection of photographs of "the most beautiful city in the world" is certainly not in the same league with the many emotion-charged pictures on the Rubinger disk. Although the people responsible no doubt meant well, this is a lean product, more like a collection of postcards on a CD-ROM. There are just over 100 photos of Jerusalem, divided according to views, streets, people, buildings, Jewish life and places, and Christian and Moslem sites. There is no proselytizing, and the dates given are CE (Common Era) and not AD.

The color photos show ordinary street scenes and people familiar to any Jerusalemite. The captions, in English and German, did not appear clearly on my screen, as they were surrounded by a lot of dots.

According to instructions on the disk, each photo may be used free for publication in newspapers, magazines or other media produced in up to 500 copies. Beyond that, the charge is a flat \$20 per image, but one wonders how many people will observe this requirement.

The only good thing this disk has going for it is its extremely low price: if a synagogue bulletin or a schoolchild needs ordinary photos of Jerusalem to print out, this program would do.

Beyond that, perhaps foreign tourists who don't demand to know too much would want the CD-ROM as a souvenir of their visit to the city.

The 'mehitza' goes hi-tech

The age-old *mehitza* — which physically separates men and women in an Orthodox synagogue — has posed a challenge to a Jewish mechanical engineer at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Richard Axelbaum, associate professor of mechanical engineering in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, has developed a new optical design, harnessing light and reflection, to accommodate worshippers in his synagogue.

But the design has additional applications in business and residential security and privacy devices, and even in police lineups, where witness protection is vital. Axelbaum applied for a patent for his design in late 1997, and recently was awarded the first National Council of Young Israel's Synagogue Innovation Award in New York six weeks ago. The award recognizes individuals who distinguish themselves by bringing modern techniques to synagogue design while remaining within Orthodox Jewish guidelines.

There are no restrictions on women looking over to the men's side of the *mehitza* — and there are frequently times when women would like to observe what is happening on the men's side, in order to watch their son's or grandson's bar mitzva. See-through mirrors have been used to try to meet the requirements of Jewish law while giving women a feeling of participation in the service, but these actually create two other problems: lighting on the observers' side has to be much darker so that the women don't see their reflection, but then they have trouble reading their prayerbook; and the men see a distracting mirror reflection.

Axelbaum created a modification of a see-through mirror to remedy the situation. Taking the standard design of such a mirror, angling it at 45 degrees and incorporating it into an assembly that resembles horizontal window blinds, he painted the panel above the mirror black and put a wallpaper design on the panel below the mirror.

On the women's side, light reflecting off the black panel and bouncing off the mirror back to a person's eyes reflects the darkness. That reflection in the eyes is practically unnoticeable and less women see through the divider. On the men's side, however, the light reflects the brightly colored wallpaper and the men see the wallpaper design. The age-old problem is solved without changing light intensity and without affecting outside a mirror image.

"If an optical design can force people to see what they want to see," explains Axelbaum, "The beauty of it is, it's a simple, compact design that you can use in everyday applications."

The design is in use at his own synagogue, Young Israel of St. Louis, and a variation of it is being installed in another synagogue in the same city.

Beyond the synagogue, Axelbaum's concept can be applied to security and privacy devices in residential and commercial settings, as well as in police lineups, where witness anonymity is essential. Because it does not require dimness on one side, it is particularly useful in the home. In an era of rapid suburban sprawl, such a device could protect privacy. "I was explaining the

mehitza to a group when a woman interrupted and said she needed one of these in her kitchen," he said. "She explained that she had always enjoyed the sunlight through her kitchen window, but someone had built right next to her and their window faces hers directly. She doesn't want people looking into her house but wants sunlight from the outside. With this design, you can make windows so people can see out but others can't see in."

Again, the drawback of the traditional see-through mirror is that in the darkness of evening, people outside can look in, but people inside can't look out. With Axelbaum's design, a homeowner, or businessperson, always can control seeing out and prevent those outside from seeing in. The view from the outside doesn't have to be a wallpaper design. It can be a partial silvering or a white finish, anything that reflects bright light. Axelbaum also says the concept could be used with horizontal or vertical blinds.

Axelbaum's engineering research is in the area of combustion synthesis of nano-sized particles for the design of new materials.

Using a sophisticated sodium/halide flame, he creates new nanoparticles for use in aerospace, defense, medical, and sports and recreation industries, among others. He uses lasers and optics to measure temperature, fluid velocities and gas composition to understand the make-up of the flame, and thus, has a thorough understanding of light, reflection and optics.

He stumbled across his concept accidentally. While attending a synagogue in another city, he glanced at the *mehitza* and thought it had been placed at an angle. He was later told that it was actually placed straight up and down, and that he, had seen an illusion. "I never looked at the *mehitza* directly, just out of the corner of my eye," he explains. "It was just my imagination, but that started me thinking about putting the see-through glass at an angle, and then the ideas for the design started flowing," he said.

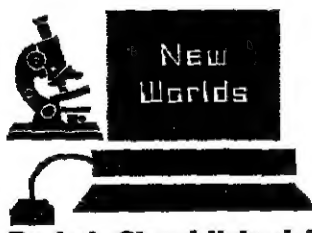
While there may be other applications as a result of his concept, Axelbaum says he takes his greatest pride in its use to enhance the synagogue experience. (St. Louis News)



Internet has helped revolutionize the billboard industry.

(Mike Goldberg)

Computer program for billboard advertisers



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Advertisers who buy space on billboards will now be able to get computerized information about their campaign even before it hits the streets, and actually see each of their billboards anywhere in the country.

This innovation has been developed by the Rapid Street Advertising company in Ramat Gan, which is responsible for much of the country's billboard advertising.

Its Rapid Planner program, available to advertisers over the Internet or via a diskette supplied by the company, presents them with an electronic map

showing exactly where each billboard they rented is located, with details on lighting, exposure potential, distance from points of sale, the exact time each billboard advertisement was put up (using an electronic bar code) and even a demographic profile of the population that lives near or passes the billboard.

Advertisers will also have the option of electronically making changes in the ad itself, before it goes up on the billboards. Each advertising campaign design is installed in a computer and can be updated, from campaign to campaign, for the advertiser's use.

The program, says Rapid, allows more professional, exact and effective planning of advertising. The company says the software has already aroused interest among billboard advertising firms abroad.

CELLULAR FAX

From now on, Telephone subscribers can be notified of the

arrival of a fax message and press a few buttons to send it for printing to any fax machine they like.

The new service, the first of its kind in Israel, is aimed mostly at businesspeople who are out of their offices frequently but want to keep in touch — and read their faxes in privacy.

Notice of the arrival of a fax reaches the voice mail box of the Telephone subscriber. They must ensure that their fax is on (including the fax/modem of their computer).

The fax is electronically stored in the voice mail box and is dispatched whenever and wherever the subscriber wishes. It can also be stored in the voice mail box.

Telephone customers to want to subscribe to the special service should dial *166 on their cellular phone.

The service itself is free, although regular air time and phone charges prevail for the voice mail and the sending and receiving of the fax.

Mechanical engineers learn to tinker with walking robots

By SUSAN L. LANG

It doesn't have a brain or a heart, and its walk is a bit like the scarecrow's in *The Wizard of Oz*. A little headless, armless, trunkless two-legged robot, developed at Cornell University, can walk, wobble, hobble, limp, stride and stagger, but it can't stand still in any position without falling over.

Nevertheless, this robot — made of plastic Tinkertoy parts and a few odds and ends — is stable in motion and is giving mechanical engineers here new thoughts about how humans walk.

Michael Coleman, a lecturer in mechanical engineering at Cornell, says the little walker, by using gravity on a gentle slope "performs repeatable, chattering, human-like stable steps without

falling over." Says Coleman, who earned his doctorate in February, "We believe this is the first two-legged, statically unstable 3-D passive-dynamic walker that can walk stably down a slope without any control system whatsoever."

With help from Andy Ruina, director of Cornell's human power, biomechanics and robotics laboratory, Coleman stumbled on the walker's design while preparing for his doctoral defense. "In fact, it's one of the few devices of any kind that is dynamically stable near a statically unstable configuration and doesn't have fast spinning parts," says Ruina.

"Playing, with no hopes of success, we placed the toy on a ramp. Surprisingly, it took a few serendipitous,

if not very steady or stable steps. After some tinkering, we arrived at the functioning device," Coleman and Ruina wrote in the latest issue of *Physical Review Letters*, in which they describe their contraption. Their work also was presented recently at a conference in Germany on the mechanics of walking.

"How humans walk with their top-heavy, upright trunk atop two relatively spindly legs is not well understood," explains Coleman in Ruina's third-floor lab where robot legs and dismembered bike wheels chains and spare parts dangle from the ceiling and are strewn about the room.

"While some scientists believe that our nervous system largely coordinates balance and locomotion, our research further suggests that the passive interaction

of gravity, inertia and ground contact may also be very important in coordinating our locomotion," says Coleman.

Coleman and Ruina's work builds on the pioneering analytical research by Tad McGeer, formerly of Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, B.C., now at the Insitu Group in Underwood, Washington, who argued that human stability and balance were likely governed by the laws of mechanics and not necessarily driven primarily by the brain. McGeer developed various stable 2-D walkers but could only find unstable 3-D walking motions.

Coleman and Ruina believe their work, which McGeer likened to the development of airplanes from motorless gliders, will help provide key

insights into the mechanics of walking. It could also have important implications for designing better powered and controlled biped robots, building better artificial legs and improving rehabilitation for neuromuscular problems. The researchers hope to make the device more stable and sophisticated.

Coleman constructed the Tinkertoy device by sticking two green rod legs, bonomed with rounded yellow feet, into a red crossbar hip, along with several orange washers and green hinges. To stabilize the toy, he added low-lying red and yellow outriggers, weighed down with steel nuts off each foot to lower the centers of mass. Ruina helped fine-tune the toy by rounding out the flat spots of the Tinkertoy wheels with flexible brass strips. Soon, the hand-sized gadget was

tottering down a gentle slope, tilting from side to side but steadily walking on and on. But, it couldn't stand still.

Their mathematical models and computer simulations did not predict the success of the walker, and their computer models are still too simple to explain it. "It does, however, highlight the possibility that uncontrolled dynamics may not just contribute to force and balance in walking but also to side-to-side balance," said Ruina, an associate professor of theoretical and applied mechanics. Graduate student Mariano Garcia is now exploring more complicated models to attempt to explain the observed motions of the Tinkertoy walker. (Cornell University News Service)

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Husband and wife team win prize for cell research

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Unlike most married couples, breakfast table conversation for Dr. Philippa Marrack and Dr. John Kappler involves T cells, peptide proteins, immune responses and receptors. Then the two Denver biochemists drive to their lab, which they have run together for nearly 25 years at the National Jewish Medical Research Center.

Marrack, who was born in England and studied at Cambridge, and Kappler, born in Baltimore and a graduate of Lehigh and Brandeis Universities, recently became the first couple to win the Rabbi Shai Shacknai Memorial Prize in Immunology and Cancer Research. The 26th annual prize was awarded last month by the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School's Lautenberg Center for General and Tumor Immunology. Marrack is also the first woman to receive the Shacknai Prize.

Marrack and Kappler — who married 24 years ago but launched their scientific partnership in 1971, when they were postdoctoral fellows at the University of California at San Diego — had never been to Israel before. They explained that their work and need to supervise the 20 post-doctoral and graduate student researchers in their lab prevented them from

going abroad much in recent years. But the prize — and the commitment to lecture before some 250 immunologists here — was a perfect opportunity to make the visit.

The Shacknai Prize was established by Frank Lautenberg, since 1982 a US senator from Wayne, New Jersey, in memory of his Jerusalem-born father, who died of cancer at the age of 38. The prize and lectureship, always granted to foreigners, strengthen bonds between outstanding scholars here and abroad and make an important contribution to the furthering of knowledge in this field.

Marrack and Kappler are responsible for pioneering findings on the cellular basis of immunological responsiveness. The Lautenberg Center hailed them for "yielding significant insights into one of the most complex systems of biological recognition and opening novel approaches to the analysis and manipulation of host defenses against infection and cancer."

A DECADE AGO, the husband-and-wife team became investigators at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Denver, where they continue to teach and lead a research program on the various aspects of T cell immunobiology.

T cells — first described by scientists in 1961 — are small circu-

lating lymphocytes manufactured in the bone marrow. They mature in the thymus gland (located in the upper chest cavity below the thyroid gland) or as a result of exposure to thymosin, a hormone made up of biologically active peptides critical to the maturation and growth of the immune system.

There are various kinds of T cells: the helper cell, which affects the production of antibodies by B cells, a type of white blood cell that comes from the bone marrow; and the suppressor T cell, which suppresses B cell activity.

The winners admit that T cells have become an obsession. "Our children used to complain that we were always talking about our work at home," recalls Marrack. "Most researchers after the age of 35 or 40 move to desk jobs, but we wanted to remain in the lab," says Marrack.

Their facility at the National Jewish Medical and Research Center, financed by Jewish communities throughout the US, is aimed at promoting contact between basic scientists and physicians, quite like the Lautenberg Center, which is located in the Jerusalem's Ein Kerem not far from the Hadassah University Hospital.

Kappler, whose little ponytail gives him a pixyish air, points out that the number of monumental discoveries made by scientists is



Dr. Philippa Marrack



Dr. John Kappler

very small. "The vast majority of researchers have to be satisfied spending their lives on little things, like proving and confirming bits of information that have been proposed, adding to the body of scientific knowledge," adds Kappler's wife.

Nevertheless, Marrack and Kappler have a number of scientific discoveries to their credit. "We wanted to know how T cells figure out whether something that appears in the body triggers the immune system to recognize and attack it," she explains. "We cloned one cell with one type of T cell receptor and grew it into millions of cells for immunizing mice, which became immune to

the cells. Then we screened them to find the relevant T cell receptor (a peptide molecule)."

This work, carried out between 1980-1982 and using substances called monoclonal antibodies, changed the course of a field in immunology. Until then, immunologists had published paper after paper taking it for granted that the molecule was just a "different type of antibody."

With the Marrack-Kappler discovery, "a whole field of immunology collapsed overnight. It steered all research in another direction, using a molecular basis to show that T cells were very different from antibodies," he explains.

Marrack continues that "researchers thought they could manipulate T cells to fight cancer, but nothing seemed to come of it. They had suggested that people who don't get cancer are protected by their immune system attacking tumor cells, but further studies showed that people with weakened immune systems aren't at a higher risk of getting cancer than anybody else."

But in the last decade it was found that many tumors do have antigens that the immune system can attack — but the process is very complex. "The Denver researchers studied the mechanism of how T cells stop themselves from attacking the human body."

"We found that for the most part, when a T cell begins to mature, it can't leave the thymus to attack an invader at the first opportunity. It sits there and 'sniffs' out the environment, and only if it finds nothing to attack is it 'allowed out' into the bloodstream. If it does find something to react to, it does before it gets a chance," Marrack says. "It has its own little suicide mechanism. There is a repertoire of T cells, but most of them never make it. We discovered that only 1% of T cells actually survive, and 99% are eliminated."

Fortunately, that 1% is enough to protect the body under most circumstances, as they can continue for a human's lifetime. But in an

immunodeficiency disease, the number of T cells decreases drastically.

All this new information has implications for auto-immune diseases, such as juvenile-onset diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis, to name a few. T cells suddenly start attacking the pancreas, the joints or the central nervous system to produce these diseases.

THE SECOND FEATHER in the couple's cap is the discovery of something called superantigens. "We really came upon this quite accidentally," recalls Marrack. "We found pathogens that use the immune system for their own benefit — these are proteins made by viruses and bacteria that bind to T cell receptors. They trigger a huge amount of T cells and make hormones to kill off the organisms. The immune system is totally confused."

Their work has appeared in many prestigious journals, including *Cell* and *Science*; they are members of the US National Academy of Sciences and recipients of other awards in their field.

These new "bricks" of knowledge that Marrack and Kappler have added to the wall of immunology will help bring closer the time when patients with immune diseases and tumors can fight back.

Emergency patients who just can't wait

Health Scan



By Post Health Reporter

Many Israelis who rush to hospital emergency rooms and are confronted by overworked or apathetic medical staff must have considered getting up and going home before getting diagnosis and treatment. But according to a study conducted at Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer, 0.5 percent of patients who visit emergency rooms actually abandon them before being examined properly.

The research, published in *Harefuah* (the journal of the Israel Medical Association), compared the "dropouts" with a control group of people who did stay for diagnosis and treatment.

The dropouts were much more likely to be single young men and, suffers from anxiety disorders or social isolation, compared to the control group. A disproportionate number of them were drunk or had taken hard drugs.

Although time out of 10 of the dropouts did not suffer from a serious medical condition, 10% of them later needed hospitalization, compared to only 4% of the control group.

The authors note that in recent years, hospital emergency rooms in Western countries around the world have become urgent treatment centers for people in the lower socioeconomic groups, including drunks, addicts, foreign workers, homeless and other poor who cannot pay for health insurance.

In Israel, with its national health insurance system, this should be less of a problem.

But even here, impoverished people who should be getting reg-

ular medical care from a personal physician end up in emergency rooms for problems that don't belong there.

Many of the patients go to the hospital during the night when health fund clinics are closed. Most of the dropouts leave before being examined by a doctor or a specialist, but 14% of them had blood tests or x-rays and didn't wait for the results.

The Sheba doctors recommended shortening the wait for care in emergency rooms by increasing staff and improving communication with patients so potential dropouts can be identified in time.

They also advised staffers to give clear messages so patients would not assume from a casual word that their condition didn't need attention. Only a doctor can competently determine whether a patient should be sent home.

THE MORE THE MERRIER

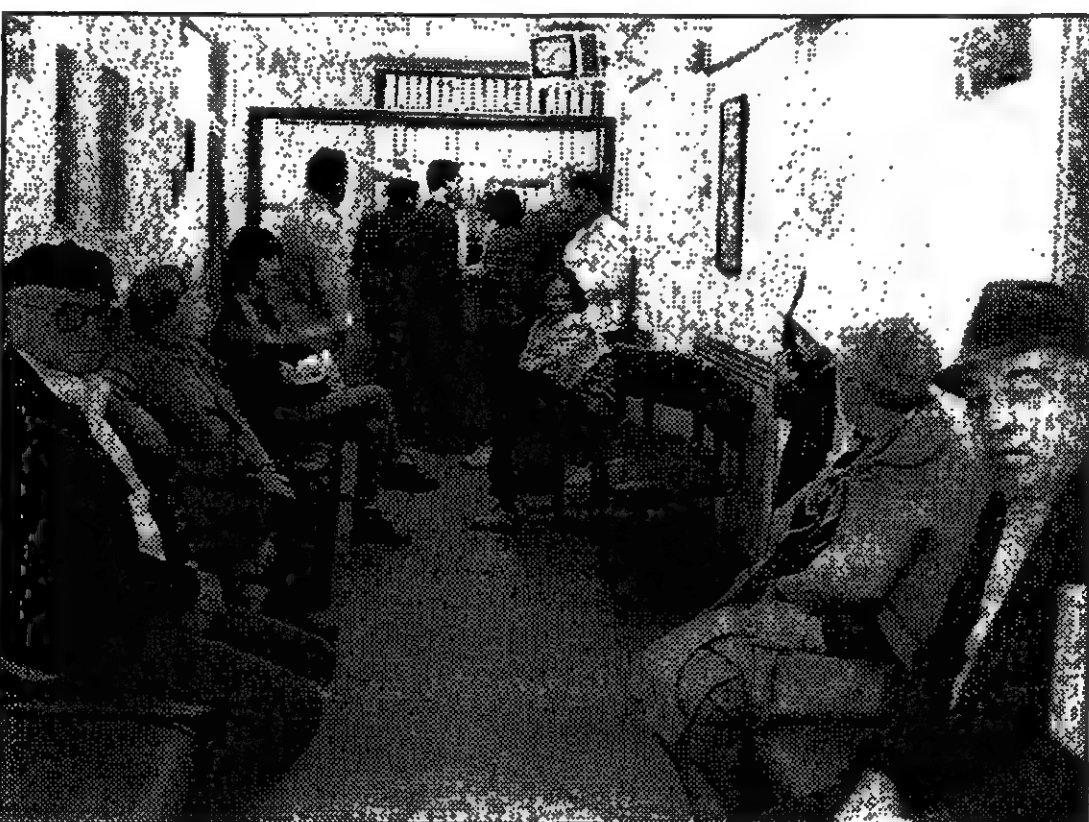
Women who give birth a dozen or more times don't suffer from more serious complications during delivery than less prolific women, according to a study carried out by Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek and Hadassah-University hospitals.

The research team, which included Shaare Zedek's Dr. Amnon Samuelov, looked at the records of 50,000 mothers. Of these, 400 had given birth to 12 or more children; 4,000 had between seven and 11; the rest had "only" one to six.

The super-mothers were no more likely to have cesarean sections than the others, and they were less likely to have instruments used (vacuum or forceps) for delivery.

Samuelov noted in the hospital newsletter *Sha'ar Patach* that the super-mothers were at higher risk to contract gestational diabetes and high blood pressure. This was not connected to their having had many children but to their more advanced age by the time they had had a dozen kids.

When mothers are under careful medical supervision during pregnancy, women who have a dozen children or more are no more like-



The long wait: About five out of every 1,000 people who visit emergency rooms leave before being examined. (Israel Sun)

ly to suffer complications than other women, he concluded.

HELP FOR 'LIQUIDATORS'

An estimated 150 to 400 "liquidators," who were directly involved in trying to control the Chernobyl nuclear reactor after it exploded and emitted radioactivity in the Ukraine in 1986, will receive special medical care and benefits.

This was decided yesterday by the Ministerial Committee on the Diaspora, Aliya and Absorption. The committee adopted recommendations made by an inter-ministerial committee headed by Sarah Cohen of the Absorption Ministry.

As a result of the decision, the Health Ministry will establish, within 90 days, a consulting clinic to deal with the special medical problems of these patients. Until now, these expenses have not been

part of the basket of health services.

Former "liquidators" — who because of their exposure to large amounts of radioactivity have become disabled — will be eligible for housing help and a National Insurance Institute allowance.

Ukrainian law already recognizes the suffering of the "liquidators" and has issued certificates to all of them. Of the 200,000 immigrants from the areas in Belarus and the Ukraine affected by Chernobyl fallout, a few hundred were liquidators.

RIBBON AGAINST INCONTINENCE

A new technique for treating urinary stress incontinence in women has been brought to the Lis Obsterics Hospital (part of the Ichilov Hospital complex in Tel

Aviv) from Sweden.

Dr. David Gordon, director of the urogynecological clinic at Lis, says the technique — called TVT — involves inserting vaginally a synthetic ribbon 1.5 centimeters wide and 20 cm. long. It is attached to the pelvic floor and strengthens it, making it possible for the bladder to hold urine until it is excreted intentionally.

The 20-minute procedure is carried out under a local or epidural anesthetic, and the woman can be sent home the next day.

The success rate, he maintains, is 90% and in many cases replaces the need for abdominal surgery, for which the recovery period is much longer. Gordon and colleagues will teach the technique to other gynecologists and urologists around the country during the coming months.

Medical students get back to basics

By MARLENE CIMONS

WASHINGTON — A young medical student at George Washington University carefully inserts an otoscope into classmate Quynh Nguyen's ear and pauses in surprise at what he sees: red and inflamed tissue, not the normal pink of a healthy outer ear. "I think you might have an ear infection," he tells her.

She does, indeed, and that is an unexpected bonus of the university's back-to-basics emphasis on the art of "physical diagnosis."

First-year medical students regularly practice on one another, mostly to learn what is normal in order to recognize what is not; only rarely do they actually hit the jackpot and find anything wrong. Until recently, physical diagnosis was becoming something of a lost art as doctors relied increasingly on high-tech, high-cost instruments such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machines to tell them what was wrong with their patients. "To some extent, we have gone overboard on tests," says Dr. Robert Keimowitz, dean of the medical school.

"Sometimes having an MRI is essential, but you don't do it on everyone with knee pain. The key is knowing — through better physical examination — when to do it."

Medical educators everywhere are teaching their students to rely more on the less expensive diagnostic tools of yesterday, and Keimowitz says the cost-cutting climate of managed care is a major motivating force.

Other experts, however, point instead to the conviction of many physicians that today's young doctors have abandoned or are losing the profession's traditional skills.

When first-year med students meet every other Tuesday evening at the ambulatory care center, they wear bathing suits or shorts and sports bras under their clothes. Each session centers on a different part of the body: for example, the heart and lungs, the abdomen or the head. Nguyen, a native of Vietnam who grew up in Irvine, California, says the focus is on the basics. The practice sessions began years ago as strictly men on men and women on women, then switched to mixed groups and now have shifted to some of each.

While there is little controversy over listening to the heartbeat or examining an ear of a classmate, the anxiety level increases with more sensitive areas of the body.

First-year students, for example, do not learn rectal examinations because they do not want to practice on one another. Men and women students learn to perform pelvic and breast examinations on women professionals hired from the outside to serve as models.

At the outset, Nguyen says, many students were not comfortable removing even some of their clothes.

"Everyone was just a little wary," she recalls. "But it was a valuable experience. You realize you just have to get used to it

because it's the only way you're going to learn. Also, we've spent most of the past year together, and everyone is professional about it." Moreover, she adds, "we were reminded of how uncomfortable it can be as a patient, having someone examine us. It was important for us to be sympathetic and sensitive to our patients' sense of modesty by properly draping them. I was reminded how important it is to address all of my patients' concerns."

Physical diagnosis came into full flower only in the 19th century, when physicians discarded their traditional diagnostic technique — observation at a distance — in favor of a hands-on approach to try to figure out what was wrong with their patients. Back then, the most advanced pieces of equipment were instruments that are considered basic today — stethoscope, ophthalmoscope and otoscope — and using them accurately required keen observational skills.

During their first year at George Washington, students begin learning physical diagnosis on one another. They're taught where to place the stethoscope and hear the steady, reassuring rhythm of a healthy heart. In their second year, they start going into the hospital to see patients. Having learned the rudiments during their first two years, every student is expected to know by the third year how to take a complete history and perform a thorough physical. Keimowitz says that many experienced physicians believe today's med students are slow or reluctant to develop these skills. He is aiming toward testing medical students at the end of their third year on their ability to take a history and perform a physical exam. Just as third-year med students are not as good as first-year residents at performing physical diagnoses, Keimowitz says, "the first-year residents are not as good as the first-year residents of 20 years ago, in part because of this greater reliance on tests."

Keimowitz tells a story about himself to illustrate the fragile and often complicated balance that must be struck between physical diagnosis and the ability to recognize when more objective diagnostic tests are needed.

"Last fall I had a high temperature for four days, and I diagnosed the flu. But I called my own doctor, who insisted that I have an X-ray because of the fever. It turns out I had pneumonia. He would have missed it on a physical exam alone because there are some pneumonias that you can't hear just by listening to the lungs — and this was one of them. But every patient who has a high fever should not have an X-ray."

The key is being "good enough to say, 'This is a good lung exam, and I'm not going to do an X-ray,'" he says. "But many physicians today are not confident enough to make that judgment. They say: 'I'm not good at this — I'm going to do an X-ray anyway.'" (The Los Angeles Times)

More superbugs on the way, say disease experts

By MAGGIE FOX

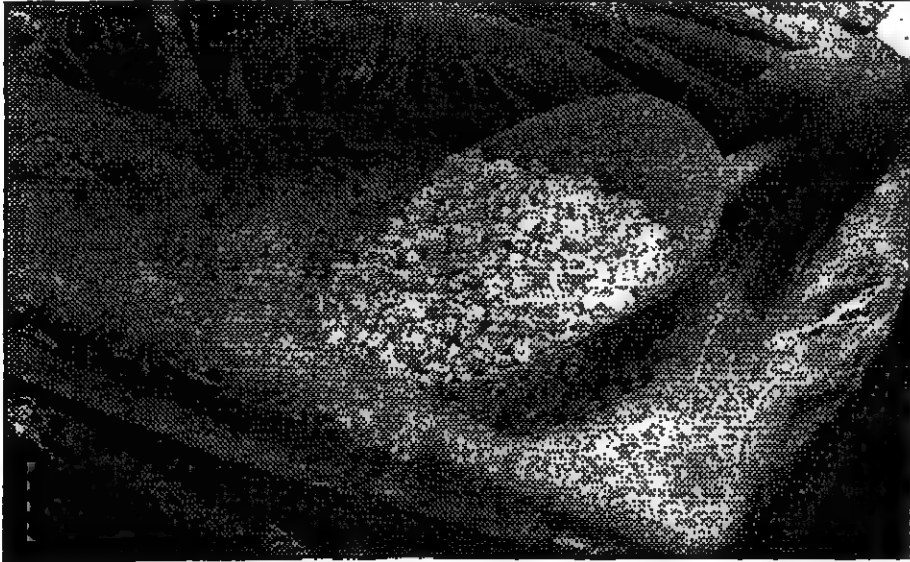
New drug-resistant "superbugs" — bacteria that defy all known antibiotics — are virtually certain to pop up soon unless doctors and hospitals crack down on procedures, according to US health experts. Careless use of antibiotics and slipshod hygiene were almost certainly responsible for the rise of bacteria that resist the last-defense drugs — methicillin and vancomycin.

"We've seen dramatic increases in the past decade," Dr. William Jarvis, acting director of the hospital infections program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, told a press briefing sponsored by the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases. "Some infections are virtually untreatable."

Bacteria that resist penicillin are old hat, but when an infection does not respond to something as strong as vancomycin, doctors get scared. Vancomycin-resistant *enterococci*, which cause intestinal infections, are fairly common, and three cases of vancomycin-resistant *staphylococcus* were reported recently in the US.

This is unsettling as *staphylococcus* is the number-one cause of infection in the US. It can cause anything ranging from a pimple to deadly septic shock, when the bloodstream becomes infected.

"I think vancomycin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (VISA) is going to become more widespread," said Dr. Richard



Careless use of antibiotics is almost certainly responsible for the rise of resistant bacteria. (Aude Braunman)

Duma, director of infectious diseases at the Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach, Florida. "We were all shocked" when the first case of VISA in people was reported in Japan in July of last year, Jarvis said. Two more cases followed in the US within weeks. Luckily, they all responded to a cocktail of older drugs including ampicillin. "We may not be so fortunate in the future," Jarvis said. "Bacteria are very 'smart' — they

learn to develop resistance," he added.

All of the patients had been very ill, had developed methicillin-resistant staph infections, and been given vancomycin over a period of weeks. Such misuse and overuse of antibiotics virtually guaranteed the emergence of resistant bacteria, Jarvis said. "Vancomycin should be used only sparingly," he added. "It's one of our precious miracles."

The appearance of bacteria resistant to

first methicillin and then vancomycin scared the drug companies into action after years of complacency in which no new antibiotics had been developed. But it would be years before anything as strong and wide-acting as vancomycin was on the market, Jarvis said.

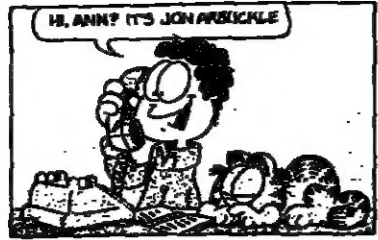
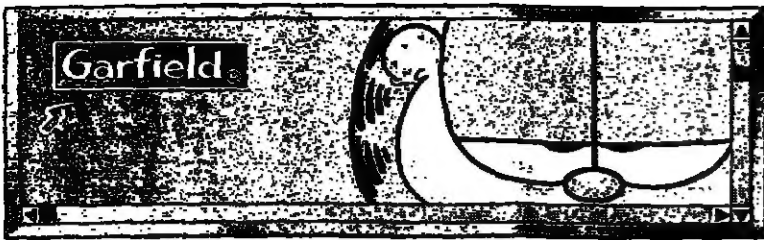
Dr. William Schekler, a University of Wisconsin epidemiologist and member of a national panel on the spread of infections in hospitals, said hospitals did not always do enough to prevent their spread. Doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers had to be urged to wash their hands before and after visiting each patient — a basic rule that many forget — and all employees should be vaccinated against flu and other diseases.

Schekler said each hospital should have access to epidemiologists, who monitor the spread of disease across populations. This was becoming more important, as minor diseases were being treated at home, with hospitals reserved for the sickest people.

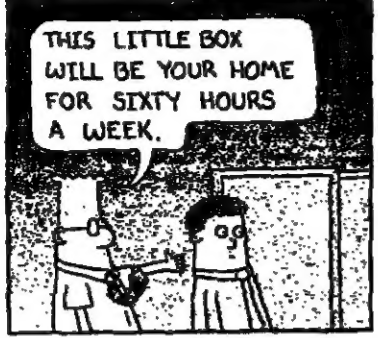
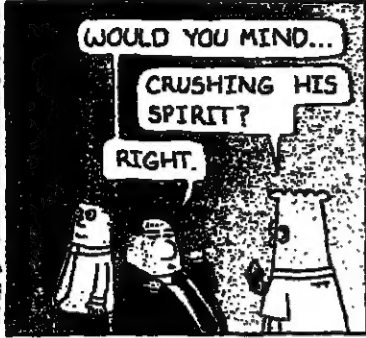
"The patients in hospitals are older and sicker, and we are doing more things to them than we used to," Schekler said.

Duma said drug-resistant superbugs were not the only frightening thing waiting to surprise the American people. He predicted more exotic diseases, such as the mysterious Ebola virus which has killed several hundred people in Africa, would arrive in the US via an infected airline passenger. "I think it's going to happen sooner or later and it's going to scare the dickens out of everybody," he said. (Reuters)

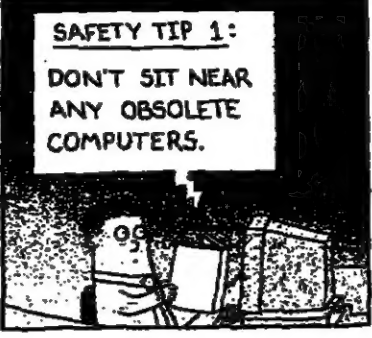
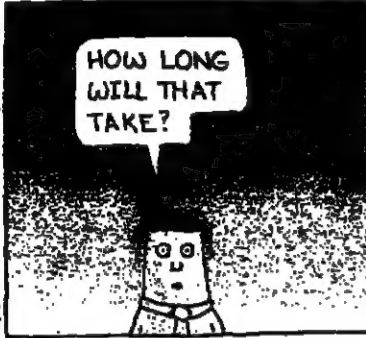
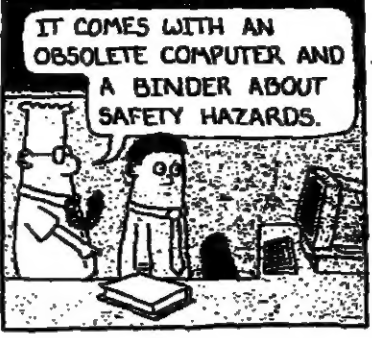




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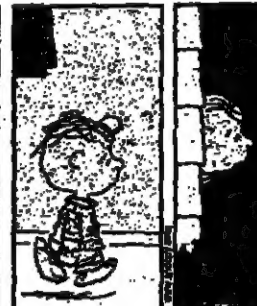
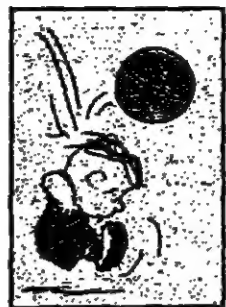
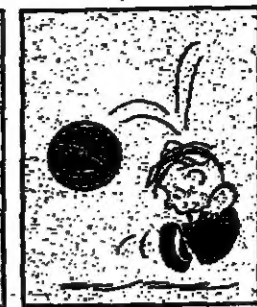
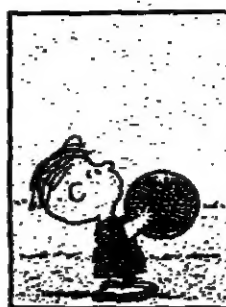
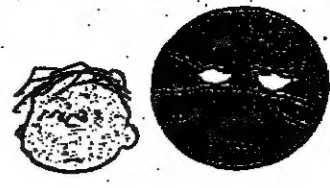


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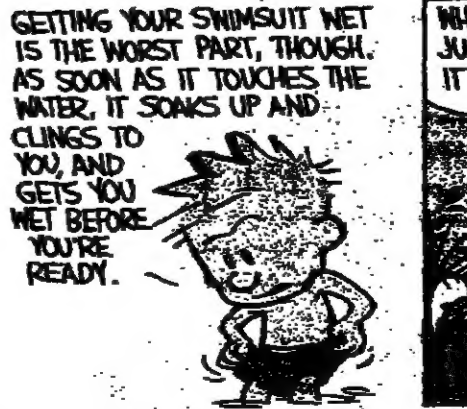
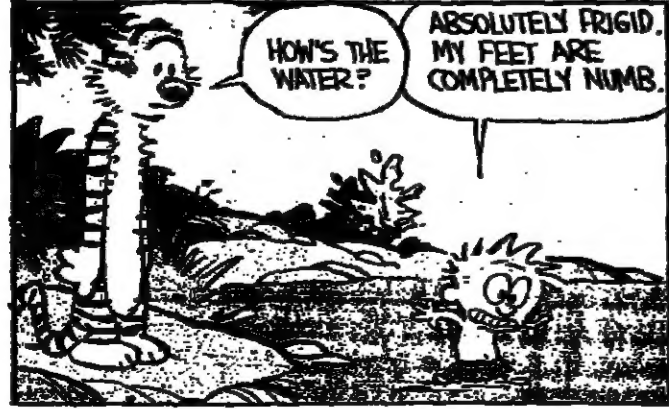
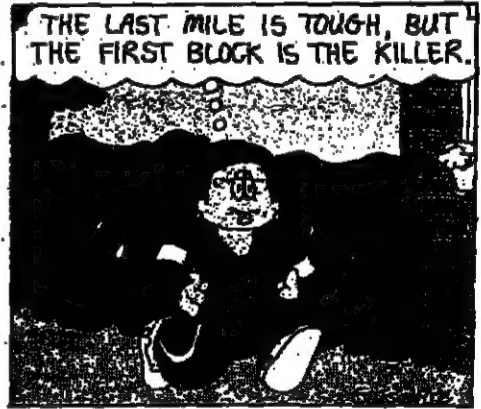
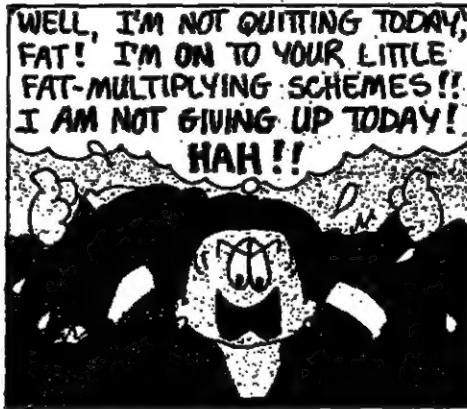
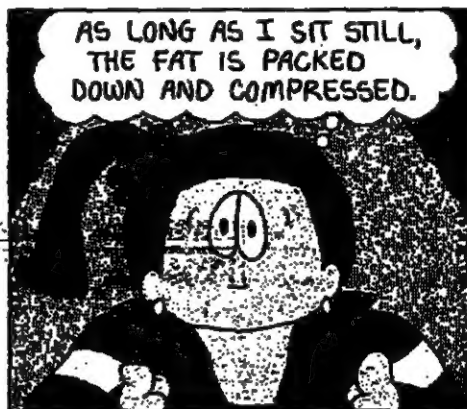
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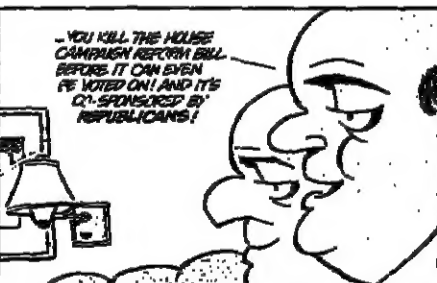


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Marathon
tomorrow

By HEATHER CHAIT

In a fitting salute to Israel's 50th birthday, the sixth Jerusalem international marathon's route this year will include a turn through the Knesset grounds.

The run, a 21.1 kilometer half marathon and two shorter distances, will be held tomorrow with the start and finish points at Teddy Stadium.

Consideration has been given to the capital's drivers as only one lane of traffic will be occupied by the runners, allowing for almost normal traffic simultaneously.

The route was chosen both to avoid the downtown crowds and also to cover some of the greener parts of the city and will include the government buildings, Sacher Park, the Supreme Court, Jerusalem Forest, Yad Vashem, Mt. Herzl, Kiryat Yovel, Beit Hacholim and the Biblical Zoo.

Fifty runners are expected to arrive from Morocco with 15 entrants from Moldavia.

The half marathon will set out at 10:00 with the 4.2km mini-marathon at 10:20 and the 2.1km popular race at 10:30.

The race is organized by the Jerusalem Sports Authority.

The traditional pre-race pasta evening will be hosted by the Dan Pearl Hotel on May 3.

Adding a new touch is a marathon "jogger," Raphael Harris who juggles three balls while running the race.

For details, call 03 6429783.

Graf withdraws again

ROME (AP) — Steffi Graf, kept off the women's tennis tour since March because of a strained hamstring, has pulled out of this week's Italian Open. She will also miss the French Open, which runs from May 25 to June 7, because of the injury.

Klinsmann's 4 goals save Spurs

Barnsley go down; Arsenal play Everton at home for title today

LONDON (Reuters) — Juergen Klinsmann fired in four goals to reduce Tottenham's fears of relegation yesterday but Barnsley — unfashionable but not unloved — failed to avoid the drop.

Germany captain Klinsmann, who has been struggling to make sure of his place in his country's World Cup side, bounced back to his best, hitting his last three goals inside six minutes in Tottenham's 6-2 victory at London rivals Wimbledon.

On a day when attention was focused on the battle at the bottom of the table, the result means that Tottenham, one of English soccer's most glamorous teams, are now almost certain to avoid going down.

But Barnsley, whose spirited battle against relegation has made them popular around the country, were finally doomed to first division soccer after a 1-0 defeat at Leicester City, a 57th-minute goal from Theo Zagorakis sealing their fate.

Klinsmann was brought back to Tottenham in mid-season to stop the London club losing their top-flight status.

After what he described as one of the most enjoyable matches of his career, the German veteran, who has faced a great deal of criticism this season, said the job was now effectively done.

"I think we did it," Klinsmann said. "There is a little question but this is a wonderful feeling. Today it was not difficult for me because the team prepared everything so well that all I had to do was finish."

"We went through a lot of difficulties in the last couple months... But we are 99 percent sure of staying up."

Tottenham's Swiss coach Christian Gross, who has struggled to get on with the striker, added: "Klinsmann was outstanding today. If he plays like that at the World Cup, he is going to be a great asset for the German team."

With bottom club Crystal Palace and Barnsley relegated, Bolton Wanderers and Everton are now in a fierce fight to stay in the top flight.

Bolton moved one point ahead of Everton with a 5-2 home defeat of Palace in their penultimate game yesterday.

Everton, now in the bottom three but with one match in hand, take on Arsenal away today when the

London club will be crowned champions for the 11th time if they win. Manchester United play tomorrow at home against Leeds United.

If Everton lose, Tottenham will also be secure of their place in the Premier League since the Liverpool team will be unable to catch them.

Klinsmann has had a turbulent time since he returned to Tottenham this season, including a much-publicized bust-up with Gross. The German striker has struggled to score.

But with just a month remaining before the World Cup finals, the forward found his form just at the right time.

Tottenham need just one point from their last game at home to Southampton next weekend to be certain of staying up.

Klinsmann helped Tottenham make a perfect start in the 18th minute when he headed across goal for England striker Les Ferdinand to fire in from close range.

But two goals from defender Peter Fear in the 22nd and 30th minutes, the first a blistering shot from the edge of the area, put the home side 2-1 ahead.

Then Klinsmann hit his first in the 41st minute, poking the ball into the net at the left-hand post after Frenchman David Ginola turned his marker brilliantly on the left flank to float over a superb cross.

Three minutes after Wimbledon had Ben Thatcher sent off for an untidy challenge, Klinsmann showed his pace, racing away to score his second in the 54th minute after a Wimbledon clearance had rebounded off the legs of Italian Nicola Bert.

A brilliant turn in the penalty area and shot in the 58th minute gave Klinsmann his third before he finished off an enjoyable afternoon with his fourth two minutes later. Moussa Saib added a sixth one minute from the end.

There were also plenty of goals at Bolton where the home side led 3-2 at halftime before crucial second-half goals from Alan Thompson and Dean Holdsworth sealed three vital points for the northern side.

Barnsley coach Danny Wilson was philosophical about his team's immediate return to first division football after one season in the top flight.

"We went for broke in the second half of the season and maybe we just didn't have enough petrol in the tank at the end," he said.

In Scotland, a dramatic injury time goal by Kilmarnock's Ally Mitchell may have destroyed Rangers' dream of winning their 10th consecutive title after a 1-0 defeat yesterday.



WELL-MARKED — Newcastle's David Batty tackles Chelsea's Gianluca Vialli in yesterday's action. Newcastle won the match 3-1, the last at St. James's Park.

At the other end-of-the-table Hibernian were relegated after losing 2-1 at home to Dundee United, who are now safe from the drop.

Two goals from Kjell Olofsson in the 72nd and 78th minutes snuffed Hibs who looked set to grab yet another lifeline after Grant Brebner had given them a 31st-minute lead.

Mitchell's 93rd-minute strike means that Celtic can now clinch their first Premier League championship since 1988 if they win at Dunfermline today.

Rangers trail Celtic by one point with one game remaining and their Glasgow rivals have a game in hand.

Betar-Hap. TA battle
to be settled at the wireBy OFER RONEN-ABELS,
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As so often this season, leaders Betar Jerusalem took center stage in the proceedings, playing away against their jinx side Hapoel Beit She'an, at Haifa's Kiryat Eliezer Stadium due to police objections to the match being hosted at Beit She'an's small home ground.

At the same time second-placed Hapoel Tel Aviv were on the hunt against Hapoel Petah Tikva at Bloomfield.

At the bottom of the standings, Hapoel Jerusalem secured their National League future with a 1-0 win over 15th-placed Hapoel Beersheba. Bnei Yehuda were hammered 4-1 at home by Hapoel Haifa. The results now leave Bnei Yehuda and Beersheba as the two clubs left to continue their fight against relegation next week.

In international news, the junior (under-16) side reached the European Championship quarter-finals after an excellent 2-0 win over Croatia on Friday. Israel today meet Portugal in the last-eight stage of the competition which is being held in Scotland.

Hapoel Beit She'an 2
Betar Jerusalem 3

When they eventually kicked off nine minutes late, it was difficult to tell which team was fighting for survival and which was battling for the league title.

Beit She'an took the lead with only four minutes gone as a mix-up in the box saw forward Serjan Cusovic lay the ball for the Croatian Zado Adic and his shot deflected off a Betar defender to beat bewildered Itzik Kornfein in goal.

Beit She'an were awarded a penalty after Shimon Danan cut inside the box towards the byline, leaving Kornfein behind in the process. His shot was saved off the line by the hands of Shmuelik Levy, which earned the Betar skipper a red card.

Eitan Tayeb failed to make it six out of six from the spot as his shot went high into the stands.

Sieffan Sallou combined with

Abukis for Betar's equalizer as Abukis chested the ball down, broke into the box past a couple of defenders and his cross saw Sallou leap over goalkeeper Meir Cohen to head home.

Betar slowed the pace and just put their foot off the pedal. With four minutes left on the clock Almog Hazan who only came on minutes earlier for the injured Adic struck a shot from 25 meters which flew past Kornfein straight into the top corner and silenced Betar's vocal support.

The leaders eventually managed to get the winning goal after Kornfein came up for a last chance corner, his shot found Pishont whose short range effort met the roof of the net. Betar's winner was met by thousands of Jerusalem fans who stormed onto the pitch as police failed to keep them in the stands. Referee Eyal Tzur refused to blow the final whistle and the game was complete when mayor Ehud Olmert and club chairman Moshe Dadash had to plead with the fans to get off the pitch.

Hapoel Tel Aviv 1
Hapoel Petah Tikva 0

A very nervous Tel Aviv side looked like blowing their chance of keeping a hold on their title hopes with a very poor performance at Bloomfield against Hapoel Petah Tikva, whose season is effectively over.

The lone goal came in the second half after both sides had been reduced to 10 men. Ilan Buaron was shown the red card in the 51st minute, but Tel Aviv seemed unable to make the best of their advantage and just seven minutes later, Tel Aviv's Ofer Shinit followed Buaron in for an early shower.

The winning goal came from Udi Kfir after 70 minutes when he slotted home from six meters out.

Hapoel Beersheba 0
Hapoel Ramat Gan 2

Beersheba have little to be proud of after yesterday's performance at Teddy Stadium. It was a match they had to win and they needed to show total commitment to their cause, particularly after they knew

that their main rivals for relegation, Bnei Yehuda, were being thrashed at home by Hapoel Haifa.

Beersheba are in desperate straits after Jerusalem's Arik Sasson's 37th minute goal saw them stay in 15th place.

National League

P W D L F A Pts

Betar Jerusalem 29 18 10 1 67 31 64

Hapoel Tel Aviv 29 16 10 3 55 24 58

Hapoel Haifa 29 14 8 7 46 33 50

Hapoel Beersheba 29 11 6 12 37 39 38

Hapoel Ramat Gan 29 10 8 11 38 37 38

Hapoel Petah Tikva 29 10 6 13 41 50 34

Hapoel Jerusalem 29 10 10 9 37 37 34

Hapoel Beersheba 29 10 10 9 37 37 34

Hapoel Ramat Gan 29 10 10 9 37 37 34

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Premier League	GP	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	35	22	9	4	64	28	75
Man United	36	21	8	7	68	26	71
Liverpool	36	17	11	8	64	41	62
Chelsea	36	17	11	8	64	41	62
Leeds	36	17	7	12	56	42	58
Blackburn	37	15	10	12	56	52	55
Aston Villa	37	16	6	15	48	68	54
Leicester	37	13	14	10	48	37	53
Derby	37	15	7	15	51	49	52
West Ham	36	15	7	14	49	51	52
Coventry	37	12	15	10	45	43	51
Southampton	37	14	10	12	49	54	47
Newcastle	37	11	11	15	35	43	44
Sheff Wed	37	12	8	17	52	64	44
Tottenham	37	11	10	16	43	55	43
Wimbledon	37	10	13	14	33	45	43
Bolton	37	9	13	15	41	59	40
Everton	36	9	12	15	40	51	39
Barnsley	37	10	5	22	37	88	35
Crystal Palace	36	7	8	21	38	68	28

Bolton 5, Crystal Palace 2; Coventry 1, Blackpool 0; Leicester 1, Barnsley 0; Liverpool 5, West Ham 0; Newcastle 3, Chelsea 1; Sheffield Wednesday 1, Aston Villa 3; Southampton 0, Derby 2; Wimbledon 2, Tottenham 6; Arsenal - Everton today; Monday, Manchester United at home against Leeds.

Division One	GP	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts Forest	45	28	9	8	81	41	93
Middlesbrough	45	26	10	9	73	40	88
Sunderland	45	25	12	8	84	49	87
Charlton	45	26	9	10	80	49	87
Ipwich	45	22	14	9	74	51	80
Sheff United	45	19	17	9	69	53	74
Birmingham	45	19	16	10	68	55	73
Wolverhampton	45	18	16	11	66	51	73
Sussex	45	18	8	19	70	69	62
West Brom	45	16	12	17	49	55	60
Crewe	45	18	5	22	56	62	59
Oxford United	45	16	10	19	59	60	58
Bradford	45	14	15	16	45	56	57
Tranmere	45	13	14	18	52	56	53
Huddersfield	45	14	11	20	50	68	53
Norwich	45	13	13	19	51	69	52
Swindon	45	14	10	21	46	71	52
QPR	45	10	19	16	41	58	49
Port Vale	45	12	18	15	52	64	46
Peterborough	45	12	10	23	48	62	46
Scot	45	11	13	21	42	69	46
Manchester City	45	11	12	22	51	55	45
Reading	45	11	9	25	39	77	42

No matches yesterday

Division Two	GP	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Walsley	46	24	16	6	67	41	88
Bristol City	46	25	10	11	69	39	85
Gillingham	46	19	15	12	55	57	72
Northampton	46	18	17	11	52	57	71
Bristol Rovers	46	20	10	16	70	44	70
Tolman	46	20	10	16	64	44	70
Grimsby	46	18	16	12	55	54	70
Gillingham	46	19	13	14	52	47	70
Northampton	46	18	12	16	52	72	64
Chesham	46	16	17	13	46	64	65
Wigan	46	17	11	18	44	66	62
Blackpool	46	17	11	18	59	67	62
Oldham	46	15	16	15	52	64	61
Wycombe	46	14	18	14	51	53	60
Crewe	46	15	14	17	54	56	59
York	46	14	17	15	52	58	59
Leam	46	14	15	17	40	64	57
Hilwell	46	14	13	19	43	54	57
Walsley	46	14	12	20	43	52	54
Bury	46	13	13	20	55	65	52
Barnet	46	11	17	18	50	71	50
Plymouth	46	12	13	21	55	78	49
Carlisle	46	12	8	26	57	73	44
Southend	46	11	10	25	47	79	43

Bristol Rovers 2, Brentford 1; Burnley 2, Plymouth 1; Chesham 1, Blackpool 1; Fulham 1, Walsley 2; Gillingham 0, Wigan 0; Grimsby 0, Oldham 2; Luton 3, Carlisle 2; Millwall 1, Bournemouth 2; Preston 2, Bristol City 1; Southern 1, Wrexham 2; Walsley 0, Wycombe 1; York 0, Northampton 0.

Division Three	GP	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts County	46	29	12	5	82	43	99
Harrogate	46	23	13	10	66	44	82
Lincoln City	46	20	15	11	60	60	75
Colchester	46	21	11	14	72	60	74
Scarborough	46	21	11	14	68	59	74
Barnet	46	19	13	14	51	51	70
Southport	46	19	12	15	56	52	69
Rotherham	46	16	19	11	67	61	67
Peterborough	46	18	13	15	63	61	67
Leyton Orient	46	17	15	14	62	64	66
Flintshire	46	16	17	13	64	55	65
Shrewsbury	46	16	13	17	61	62	61
Exeter	46	15	15	16	68	61	61
Guns United	46	14	18	14	63	57	60
Hartlepool	46	12	23	11	63	59	59
Accrington	46	17	7	22	56	55	58
Darlington	46	14	13	19	56	72	54
Swansea	46	13	11	22	49	62	50
Cardiff	46	9	23	14	48	52	50
Hull	46	11	8	27	56	83	41
Brighton	46	6	17	23	38	66	35
Doncaster	46	4	8	34	30	113	20

Cardiff 0, Darlington 0; Chester 1, Scarborough 1; Doncaster 0, Colchester 1; Exeter 1, Macclesfield 3; Hull 1, Carlisle 0; United 0, Leyton Orient 2; Torquay 1; Lincoln City 2; Brighton 2; Mansfield 1; Swansea 0; Notts County 5; Rotherham 2; Peterborough 0; Hartlepool 0; Rochdale 2; Barnet 1; Shrewsbury 0; Southport 0.

Scottish Premier							
	GP	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	34	21	7	6	61	23	70
Rangers	35	20	9	6	74	37	69
Hearts	35	18	10	7	68	46	64
Kilmarnock	35	13	10	12	39	51	49
St. Johnstone	35	13	9	13	38	40	48
Dundee United	35	8	13	14	42	49	37
Aberdeen	35	8	12	15	37	52	36
Dundfermline	34	8	12	14	45	62	36
Motherwell	35	9	7	19	45	64	34
Hibernian	35	6	11	18	37	58	29
Aberdeen 2, Hearts 2; Hibernian 1, Dundee United 3; Rangers 0, Kilmarnock 1; St. Johnstone 3, Motherwell 2.							